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South Petherton farm to become living classroom

FROGMARY Green Farm at South Petherton, between Crewkerne and Ilminster, has become the latest farm to join the nationwide network of LEAF Demonstration Farms.

It joins over 40 other farms across the country set up to showcase the very best of sustainable farming practices.

Frogmary Green Farm is a 500-acre poultry and arable farm, run by Nick and Claire Bragg. The farm also grows potatoes for supermarkets, maize and grass for fodder. Frogmary joined LEAF (Linking Environment And Farmin) in 2008 and became LEAF Marque certified in 2013. The LEAF Marque is a leading environmental food assurance scheme, based on LEAF's Integrated Farm Management (IFM) principles, a whole farm business approach that delivers sustainable farming. It uses the best of modern technology and traditional methods to deliver prosperous farming that enriches the environment and engages local communities. It covers energy and resource use, soil and water management and creating natural habitats for the benefit of wildlife, flora and fauna.

Speaking at the launch Mr Bragg explained: "LEAF's Integrated Farm Management (IFM) approach is all about striving to achieve balance across the whole farm. We're working hard in lots of practical ways to conserve and enhance the natural environment by planting trees, creating wetland areas and cutting our carbon footprint."

Nick and Claire were the first to install a biomass woodchip boiler for heating chicken houses utilising locally sourced timber and, as part of their ongoing commitment to environmental enhancement, they have planted some four kilometres of hedgerows and over 500 trees since 2002. Pollen and nectar margins to provide extra habitat for bumblebees and other insects have also been established. This has resulted in a huge variety of wildlife making its home at Frogmary Green Farm including cuckoo, linnet, song thrush, swift and whitethroat.

Launching the farm as a LEAF Demonstration Farm, Lord Cameron of Dillington congratulated everyone involved at Frogmary for their outstanding commitment to the environment and their pursuit of more sustainable methods of food production.

Mr Bragg spoke of his pride in becoming a LEAF Demonstration Farm: "It's thanks to the hard work and commitment of all our team that we have achieved this recognition. All of us care deeply about our precious environment and want to do all we can to enhance it whilst producing food to the highest welfare and environmental standards.

"We are also passionate about bringing people onto the farm, to share what we are doing and help to break down some of the barriers that exist between producers and consumers."

As a LEAF Demonstration Farm, Frogmary will act as a living classroom, demonstrating and promoting the principles of Integrated Farm Management to opinion formers, educationalists, politicians, consumers and conservation groups as well as to community groups and local schools.

Caroline Drummond, chief executive of LEAF added: "LEAF Demonstration Farms plays a hugely vital role in sharing best practice amongst farmers as well as being a great way to help educate the public about how modern food production can co-exist with protecting nature and the countryside.

"Frogmary Green Farm is an excellent example of sustainable farming in action and represents what Integrated Farm Management is all about. We are delighted to welcome Frogmary Green Farm as a LEAF Demonstration Farm and look forward to working together with Nick and Claire to engage and inspire other farmers as well as the wider public."

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Illegal immigrants found in Ilminster

FIFTEEN TREATED FOR DEHYDRATION AFTER FOUND IN REFRIGERATED LORRY

A GROUP of 15 suspected illegal immigrants were found in a refrigerated lorry when it was stopped by police at a service station on the A303 Southfields Roundabout at Ilminster on Tuesday.

Police stopped the lorry at about 1pm after receiving several reports of concerning noises coming from the back of the vehicle and discovered the group of 15, including men, women and a 15-year-old boy. They told officers they were from Eritrea and Kashmir.

The discovery came just four days after 35 stowaways were found inside a sealed shipping container at an Essex dockyard, in which one man from Afghanistan died.

Paramedics treated the immigrants at the scene for dehydration but said there were "no ongoing concerns" about their health. Although the lorry was refrigerated, it was not swtiched on and the occupants were said to be "very hot and distressed".

They boarded the lorry in Calais but it did not stop after crossing the channel into England. It is thought the vehicle was carrying pharmaceutical goods bound for Devon.

The lorry, owned by company Thermotraffic, has now been seized as part of investigations with the immigration authorities, and a German man has been arrested on suspicion of facilitating the unlawful entry of people into the UK.

Roadshow asks residents how they would balance the county's budget

SOMERSET County Council is going on the road in South Somerset, asking residents to try their hand at balancing its budget while gathering views and priorities to help plan for future challenges.

The "Listening, Learning, Changing" roadshows will be visiting Chard and Yeovil, asking people to give their views as the council addresses the difficult reality of increasing demand for its services with significant reductions in funding.

The first roadshow will be at Chard Outdoor Market at the Guildhall on Fore Street this Saturday (August 23rd) frm 8am to 6pm.

Leader of Somerset County Council, Councillor John Osman, said: "This is a great opportunity for the residents of South Somerset to give us their views and priorities as we face up to the challenges of the future.

"We calculate that we will need to make around £30million of savings for the next financial year if we are to balance our budget. It's difficult for the council to be everything to everyone in these tough financial times.

"I am committed to making this a council that seeks people's views and listens to them when making some of the difficult decisions that we face. Wherever possible we want to reflect what our residents want."

The council ran the "Listening, Learning, Changing" roadshows for the first time last year and more than 5,000 people came along to share their views.

Visitors can have a go at balancing the Council's budget on a giant set of scales, with weights representing income on one side and service budgets on the other. There will also be a short questionnaire for people to answer.

Representatives from the council will be on hand to answer questions and fun activities will keep children entertained.

Local MP joins Old Cerdics for 85th anniverary celebrations

THIS year marks the 85th anniversary of the Old Cerdics Association of former pupils of Chard School. On December 1st 1929, following an invitation from the headmaster, 20 former pupils met at the school with the prime objective of forming an alumni society. Many of those present came from the Chard area.

Sidney Gillingham, a member of the family renowned for its early pioneering work on the use of artificial limbs, took the chair as the most senior "old boy" present, while Kenneth Madge was appointed treasurer and Donald Parham secretary. Colonel J.W. Gifford, a pioneer of X-ray photography, was invited to be president.

Two brothers, Reg and Monty Austin, the name synonymous with the outfitters in the town, maintained continuous involvement with the fledgling organisation association right up until their demise some years later.

The headmaster of the time, Mr D.B.M. Hume, revered by his pupils and known affectionately as "Jumbo", proposed that an association would keep former pupils in touch with one another and they would retain an interest and help the school in many ways.

From this early beginning these aims and objectives are being maintained to this very day – 85 years on.

Apart from the war years, when former pupils from the RAF were reputed to visit the school in low flying aircraft until the practice ceased after complaints from local residents, the association has met annually in Chard for a reunion dinner.

■ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Charles Denman, president of the Old Cerdics Associaion, and David Laws MP

This special year was no exception and to mark the occasion local MP David Laws joined a large gathering of former pupils and guests at Chard Rugby Club recently.

Old Cerdics Association president, Charles Denman, welcomed all the guests, in particular Mr Laws, as well as the President of the Old Ilminsterians, Jon Tutcher, and his wife Judith, and governors of the existing school.

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St Bartholomew's School marks WWI

By Marion Spencer

THE 100th anniversary of the First World War was recently marked with a special tree planting at St Bartholomew's Church of England First School in Crewkerne.

A fruit tree was planted by Eric Osborne and Terry Austin from the Crewkerne branch of the Royal British Legion and marked with a plaque made by Mr Austin. The tree was among four fruit trees with plaques, planted along with rowan trees by community groups and individual supporters of the school, invited for the very special day.

The event came about thanks to one of the members of the Friends of the School Association, parent Kelly Eglan, who approached the Woodland Trust for some saplings to hold the community planting. Additional trees were provided by Picket Lane Nursery.

After a welcoming speech by higher level teaching assistant Alice Samuel, co-ordinator of the school's eco-councillors, who would help plant the trees, she thanked everyone involved including Waitrose, which had provided refreshments for after the planting, and Bradfords, which had donated a sturdy spade.

As a member of the Legion herself, Alice said she was particularly delighted to commemorate the WWI centenary in this way and explained that the school would be studying the two World Wars in the next term.

Headteacher David Carter said that the support the school had received from the town since he had become head was fantastic, adding that it was a wonderful day to celebrate their friendship with members of the community and he was overwhelmed to see so many people.

Town Crier David Craner led the way from the school hall out to the slopes around the playground where the trees were to be planted and made a cry specially written by the eco-councillors.

The 50 people invited to plant a tree were representatives of the following organisations: Friends of th School Assoication with Bradfords, school governors, the town council, Maiden Beech and Wadham schools, Royal British Legion, Busy Bees Playgroup, Able2Achieve, Waitrose, The Orchards nursing home, Picket Lane Nursery, Somerset Sight Crewkerne and Crewkerne Gardening Club. There was also a tree for members of the local press, represented by Marion Spencer of *The Weekender*, and even Father Christmas attended.

■ FOR THE TOWN: Town crier David Craner, deputy town clerk Annette Roffey and mayor Robin Pailthorpe with members of the St Bartholomew's School eco-council

■ DONATED HELP: Kelly Eglan with Simon Ballard of Bradfords and other Friends of the School Association and eco-council members

■ A SPECIAL TRIBUTE: Eric Osborne and Terry Austin of the Royal British Legion with eco-council members planting the WWI commemorative pear tree

■ ECO PARTNERS: Able2Achieve and eco-councillors

■ PARTNERS IN FUN: Father Christmas on holiday with Lara and Caiden and Kerry Norminton from the Orchards

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■ SCHOOL PARTNERS: Maiden Beech Academy with their tree

■ GOVERNING BODY: Reverend Jonathan Morris and chairman Richard Jeffery with Jack and Isabella

■ PRESCHOOL SUPPORT: Busy Bees playgroup leaders Sharon Gibson, Maria Abott, Anna Ward and Janice Welch with Hannah and Charlotte

■ HEADS UP: Headteacher of Wadham David Derbyshire with members of the St Bart's eco-council

■ SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL: Members of the local press and Pippa Gregory from Picket Lane Nursery with Jesse and Ryan

■ FOOD AS WELL: Mari Nicholson, Angie Blackmore and Kerry King from Waitrose with Abigail and Emily

■ ONE FOR US: St Bart's headteacher David Carter, teaching assistant Alice Samuel and eco-councillors

■ COMMUNITY GROUPS: Crewkerne Gardening Club and Somerset Sight

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Crewkerne flower show continues to go from

By Philip Evans

SINCE the early 1990s keen gardeners in Crewkerne have been displaying their award-winning blooms and vegetables in the town's annual flower, produce and handicraft show, organised by the active Crewkerne Gardening Club.

Before that, the annual horticultural event was held as part of the summer hospital fete but transferred to the gardening club after its formation.

Since then the show has gone from strength to strength and last Saturday's event at the Henhayes Centre was well supported hy exhibitors and attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the afternoon.

Club secretary Rosemary Prince reported that entries at 346 was up by 45 and there was also a slight increase in the number of exhibitors at 56. She also said that the judges were impressed by the overall standard.

The trophies were presented by club chairman Mac Everett, who congratulated the winners and thanks all those who had supported the show.

As well as the annual show, the garden club also organises a varied programme of events during the year, culminating in the annual Christmas dinner, scheduled for December 11th.

The next event will be a presentation on pruning of shrubs and fruit trees by a guest speaker on September 11th followed by a talk on Barrington Court by head gardener Christine Brain on October 9th. The club's annual meeting and social evening will take place on November 13th.

Award winners:

Millenium Cup for most points in classes (flower arranging) - Mary Fowler; Rose Bowl for most points (flowers/plants) - Bill Howarth; Challenge Cup for most points (fruit and vegetables) - Michael Vickery; Shield for most points (homebaking) - Norah Rayner; The Day Centre Bowl for most points (handicraft) - Vivienne Stuckey; Cup for most points in photography classes - Alan Keene.

Cup for child with most points in the show (joint winners) - Tiegan Findlay and Hermione Beasley; School Trophy for best supporting school - St Bartholomew's First School.

The Victor Axe Memorial Plate for Crewkerne Gardening Club member with most points - Michael Vickery; Small Challenge Cup for best horticultural exhibit in show - Michael Vickery; RHS Banksian medal to person with highest points in horticultural classes (must not have won it in three previous years) - Bill Howarth.

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■ BILL Howarth picks up the Rose Bowl for most points in flowers and plants

■ MICHAEL Vickery took home the Challenge Cup, the Victor Axe Memorial Plate and the Small Challenge Cup

■ THE sheild for most points in homebaking is awarded to Norah Rayner

■ VIVIENNE Stuckley is handed the Day Centre Bowl for most points in the handicraft sections

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■ ALAN Keene is presented the cup for most points in the photography classes and, below, joint winnersof the most points in children's section, Tiegan Findlay and Hermione Beasley

'Excellent' A-levels at Holyrood

STUDENTS at Holyrood Academy in Chard are celebrating an excellent set of A-level results with a 99 per cent pass rate.

Principal Martin Brook said: "We are delighted with our results this year. What is particularly pleasing is that 21 per cent of all exams sat resulted in A and A* grades and 42 per cent were A* to B.

"These top grades create fantastic opportunities for our students with several of them now being able to access some of the top universities in the country.

"The results were thoroughly deserved by this group of students and are testament to their attitude and hard work over the last two years. I would also like to thank the teaching staff for the incredible amount of work they have put in to supporting this group of students.

"As an academy we see these results as a stepping stone. We intend to grow the sixth form at Holyrood in the next few years both in terms of the number of students we attract and the number of subjects we can offer and we are very much looking forward to many more successes in the future."

Individual successes included Jorge Da Silva (two A*s and two As), a student for whom English is a second language and has worked to a very high standard, taken work experience in a London fashion house and is now going on to an art foundation course and then to a degree course in 2015.

Pip Liggins received an A* and three As and is going to Lancaster to read earth and environmental science, which will include travel abroad as part of the course. She achieved 100 per cent in her pure maths paper.

Josh Bawler beat his predicted grades and achieved an A* and two A grades plus EPQ. He is going on to read media production,

Jon Simmons overcame significant learning difficulties to achieve an A and two Bs and has created experimental electronics projects alongside his A-levels after joining Holyrood for the sixth form.

Jemima Farey received two As and a B. She is taking a gap year to pursue her interests in music and the performing arts.

Guide Dogs fundraising group reforms

THE Yeovil and Crewkerne Fundraising Branch for Guide Dogs has reformed and got off to a great start with their first event at Seavington.

A total of £400 was raised for Guide Dogs at a coffee morning, attended by seven guide dog puppies, all at different stages of their first year's training.

This was a great opportunity to introduce everyone to just a few of the many people in the area who are putting in a lot of time and effort to bringing on the next generation of guide dogs.

Puppy walkers are volunteers who take a puppy at six weeks and spend the next 12months making sure that it is socialised and educated ready for moving on to the next stage of its formal training as a guide dog. This is just the start of a lifetime of support that costs Guide Dogs around £50,000 for each fully trained dog, so all funds raised are put to very good use.

If anyone feels would like to join the fundraising group or run an event in aid of Guide Dogs, contact Carolyn Farler, Yeovil and Crewkerne Branch co-ordinator, on 01460 249192 or else contact Guide Dogs on 0845 3727 404 or exeter@guidedogs.org.uk to find out ways in which you can help.

Pictured from left to right are Shirley and Victor Smith with Gemma, Sally Langmaid with Nan, Sue Marks with Errol, Jo Stradling with Dingle, Mick Langmaid with Ruth, Iris Chapple with Kim.

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Broadway's new medical centre 'worth the wait'

IT has been a long time coming but residents who attended the celebratory opening party of the new Church View medical Centre in Braodway, near Ilminster, were all in agreement that is was "well worth the wait".

District and county councillor for the Ilminster area, Linda Vijeh, said: "Given the current financial constraints affecting the NHS, to have achieved the development of such an excellent facility within Broadway is no mean feat, and testament to the tenacity of all of those involved in ensuring that this project went forward.

"After so much time spent operating out of a pre-fab building this must seem like sheer luxury to both those who work here and their patients. It really is splendid.

"Every village should have one, and with its own dispensary it is real bonus to those living in a rural community. I have already collected my application forms!"

Patient surveys carried out earlier this year showed that 97 per cent felt that their overall satisfaction with the Broadway surgery was good or above.

Pictured left, despenser Val Gooding, Dr Carol Cooper and practice manager Pam Wreford with a celebratory cake baked specially for the event by Pam's husband.

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Young Farmers all set for sponsored cycle

■ ILMINSTER Young Farmers recently donated £645 to Diabetes UK. The money was raised through several events including last year's sponsored bike ride (members who took part are pictured above). This is an annual event in which club members cycle around the Ilminster area in order to raise funds for the club's chosen charities. This year, they will be pedalling on Sunday, August 24th in aid of this year's charities, Cancer Research UK, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and MIND. Those interested in offering sponsorship should contact Donna on 07731 855 797.

Something for everyone at Barrington Fete

BARRINGTON Village Fete will be held this Saturday (August 23rd) come rain or shine.

The event will start at 1.30pm with a children's fancy dress competition to be judged outside St Mary's Church, followed by a procession to the village hall for the official opening of the fete a 2pm.

Organisers have reverted to a more traditional fete activities this year and attractions for the whole family will include the Phoenix Brass Band, afternoon teas on the terrace and a grand raffle with many prizes to be won. There will also be a men's summer hat competition and Barrington's very own fortune telling Mystic Mariner.

The recreation ground is expected to be jam packed with many stalls, both indoors and out with hopefully something for all. There will be a beer tent, a Pimm's bar and a food village, where various refreshments will be available.

The fete will also host the return of a fun dog show, as well as an exhibition of vintage bicycles.

Entry costs just £1 and children under 12 are free, with admission including a programme with a lucky number for a draw. The Barrington Boar will host live music by the Railhogs from 9pm to finish the day.

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Ilminster Fairtrade wins support of town council

FOLLOWING a successful survey of local traders and subsequent negotiations with Ilminster Town Council, Ilminster Fairtrade is pleased to announce the council's approval for Ilminster to become a Fairtrade Town - the first in South Somerset.

At a meeting on July 24th the councill agreed to support the principles of Fairtrade and actively encourage the use and sale of Fairtrade products within the town, and their use within council offices and at events involving the council.

They also agreed that a councillor or councillors would be nominated for co-option onto the Ilminster Fairtrade settering group to encourage and assist their campaign and to act as liaison between the group and the council.

Roger Gurner, chairman of Ilminster Fairtrade steering group (pictured), said: "We are delighted with the support we have received so far from the town council and from the traders and public in Ilminster.

"This is a first for South Somerset. We are pleased that Ilminster is leading the way."

The group is now preparing to carry the campaign forward with the aim of winning approval from the Fairtrade Foundation with a presence at the upcoming Party on the Park, Ilminster Carnival, the Rotary Charity Fayre and the Victorian Evening. Anyone interested in helping or simply seeking more information on becoming a Fairtrade Town should check out their new website at www.ilminsterfairtrade.uk

CORRECTION: Horton Flower Show

APOLOGIES for last week incorrectly reported that Margaret Excell won the trophy for most points overall in the gardening section at Horton Flower Show.

The winner was in fact Roger Mazillius, who also took home the Merryfield Cup for four varieties of cut flowers, the Slater Cup for most points in the flowers section, the Hector/Rees Cup for the resident of Horton with most points overall and the Mattravers Cup for the most points overall by any entrant.

Apologies for any confusion caused.

Neroche celebrates top exam results

PUPILS, staff and parents are celebrating at Neroche Primary School in Broadway, Ilminster, after it was confirmed that the school has moved into the top 10 for results out of 226 in Somerset.

The school recently achieved a 95 per cent pass rate at the expected level four grade in reading, writing and maths in the SATs exams, 10 per cent above the national average.

At the higher level five papers results were even more impressive with the school achieving 76 per cent in reading, 62 per cent in writing and 57 per cent in maths. These results were significantly above the national averages and has now ranked Neroche as fourth in the whole of Somerset.

Primary schools now have the opportunity to enter some pupils at level six, equivalent to a grade C at GCSE for pupils aged just 11 years old. Four of Neroche's budding mathematicians passed at this exceptional level, again well above the national trend.

Headteacher Connel Boyle commented: "I am extremely proud to be the headteacher of this school. We have a super balance of committed staff, parents and children, working together to achieve the best we can for our children.

"Every child has made exceptional progress in our Year 6 cohort this year. I am also astounded that almost 20 per cent of our pupils achieved a level six in maths. Our provision ensures all children from reception to Year 6 of all ability ranges are well catered for at Neroche.

"We cannot wait for the new school year to begin as many new families join our growing and successful school community."

Pistol club reports another successful year

Ilminster & District Rifle & Pistol Club chairman Dave Jones reported another successful year at the recent annual general meeting, although members did not receive the same haul of medals as last year.

The A Team (S. Turvey, J. Houston, M. Monk and M. Harris) came second in Division 2 of the Somerset Small Bore Shooting Association competition.

The C Team (E. Goddard, D. Jones, R. Snowden and D. Clayton) was third in Division 6 and the D Team (R. Crabb, K. Watford, S. Purchase and T. Hayball) placed third in Division 8.

E. Goddard also won Division 10 of the Summer Individual League.

As last year, S. Turvey was Club Champion and J. Houston was Runner-up.

Sadly, the Ilminster Olday Team (D. Irish, M. Jeffery, L. Kitch and T. Paul) decided to retire this season, having 250 years of shooting experience between them, some at the top levels in the county.

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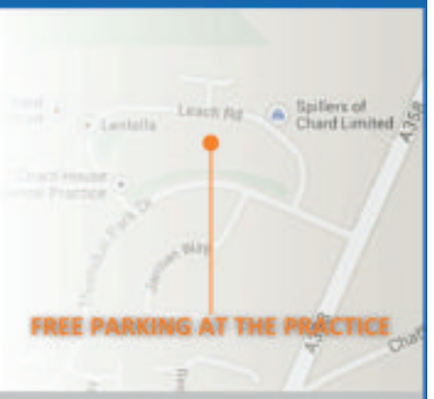
Outside of the dentistry world, Peter relishes the opportunities in travelling adventures and experiencing new places.



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Dower House Hotel

The friendly, family-run hotel is the 'in' place to go for those in the know

LYME Regis has a new No.1 hotel – since new owners took over the splendid 'baby grand' that is Dower House at Rousdon it has gone straight to the top of the charts as discerning visitors' favourite place to stay near the town.

Although not yet as well-known as other Lyme hotels, Dower House has become the 'in' place to go for those in the know, who are saying that staying in the elegant splendour and sumptuous comfort of the 11-bedroom mansion is 'like living the life of Gatsby'.

That's just one of the shower of compliments on Trip Advisor that Neil and Rosemarie Baker have received since March, when they bought the enchanting stately pile that was built by the aristocrats of the Peek family in the Victorian era when the baron needed a fine home for his dowager mother-in-law.

Dower House retains all of its aristocratic beauty still; four poster beds, chandeliers, huge sweeping lawns for croquet, magnificently-arcadian views, an open-air pool and a select seclusion; close enough to Lyme for all conveniences but sufficiently set back from it to give the exclusivity that its urbane guests prefer.

Movie producers, famous actresses and one of the moment's bigger TV stars have all discretely booked a stay at Dower House and this is where the Hix and River Cottage dining set choose when looking for a genteel yet cosmopolitan retreat during the autumnal and winter trips to Lyme that are becoming so popular with the increasing numbers of sophisticated young professionals now seen about the area.

'Dower House is not the biggest hotel in the area but it has all of the grandeur, it's a rather wonderful baby grand,' said Neil, 'We set out to provide our guests with bespoke hospitality, from the home-made cream teas to the best bed linen and we are delighted that this personal touch has so pleased so many who stay here.'

And please them it does – a remarkable 83% of recent guests have ranked it No.1, Lyme's top hotel in the Trip Adviser ratings.

Just last week a guest from Madrid wrote the following rave review of Dower House which is typical of the praise being piled on the Baker family who all work at hotel which has won further acclaim for its exactly-as-you-like-it breakfasts, private dining, the rarity of ample parking and dog-friendly ease :

'We spent a perfect few days at this hotel. Neil and Rosemarie did everything to make our stay easy and luxurious. We often ate in and we were delighted by the high quality food. The hotel is beautifully-situated with wonderfully-kept lawns and gardens and a private pool. We really thought we were living the life of Gatsby! I would recommend this lovely hotel to absolutely everyone; its location, 5-star quality and the flexibility of the owners make this the best hotel I have stayed at in years.'

The modern rooms are spotlessly-clean, airy and well-equipped and that, tied with the spontaneous, unstuffy welcome are what Neil and Rosemarie insisted upon when they set out to run a hotel the like of which these two former high fliers of business and government would want to stay at themselves.

'We wanted Dower House to have a family feel, both of our children work here with us, but also to be ultra-attentive to each guest's respective requirements,' said Rosemarie. 'Our aim is for every one of them to feel special, whether it be beside the pool or the deck bar in the summer or lounging on the deep sofas around the open fires when autumn draws in.'

And it's not only visitors who are turning to Dower House to be treated. Impressed by the winning combination of the large, glorious grounds and interior exclusivity, local brides and those arranging parties and private functions are booking the hotel that sleeps 30 as the ideal place for their perfect day.

'People are coming here for weddings, christenings and wakes, said Neil, 'we're big enough and yet boutique enough for groups to take over the whole house for events like reunions and anniversaries. People planning private parties at River Cottage are increasingly coming here because Dower House is so close to River Cottage HQ.'

It's quite something to go from scratch to No.1 in less than five months and quite something too for guests to leave praise like 'what a find!', 'wonderful', 'faultless' and 'so hospitable' on the Google guest book. The success story of another great asset for Lyme is just beginning.

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Something for everyone at Donyatt fun day

■ SWEET TREATS: Karen Pavey,Trisha Hands,Susan Barrett, and Ruth Grabham at Donyatt Fun Day

THE threat of inclement weather did not stop visitors to Donyatt's Village Fun Day from having a good time.

In addition to Bonner's burgers and sausages, everyone could feast on fabulous homemade cakes, and try out such activities as the bouncy castle, enter the balloon race, Deal or No Deal, or meet the table tennis challenge... all while being entertained by the Three Counties Swing Band, with a glass of Pimm's in hand, or perhaps a bottle of wine won at Councillor Linda Vijeh's 'Wine or Wind' game.

Lisa Souster, the Village Agent for local villages including Horton, Ashill, Broadway, Donyatt and Ilton, attended to highlight the need for residents to regularly check their smoke alarms are active.

To help raise awareness she gave out 'helping hands' – sticks to enable those with limited mobility to test their alarms.

The initiative, set up by the Community Council for Somerset, enables Lisa to act as a key point of contact for those living in rural locations, to signpost local residents where they may have concerns or problems in accessing key services and support agencies.

Lisa is able to provide advice on who to contact for a wide range of issues, including social care, health issues, housing, employment, transport, pensions and benefits.

Local residents over retirement age can even obtain free smoke alarms.

Interested parties should contact Lisa on 07762 428481 or email lsousterva@somersetrcc.org.uk

Park party this weekend

ILMINSTER will host the annual Party in the Park this Sunday (August 24th), from 12noon to 8:30pm at the recreation ground.

Attractions at the event will include the popular tug o' war, a strong man competition, climbing wall, puppet show and live music, plus a host of stalls and other activtiies. There will also be a barbecue and hog roast.

Entry is free and those attending are encouraged to bring along their own picnic.

For more information visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ilminsterpop

■ WINE OR WIND: Councillor Linda Vijeh, along with members of the village hall management committee and supporters of Donyatt Fun Day

■ Time for Pimm's?

■ Jean Harris and Barbara Stuckey

■ Amelia Wellman

Good turnout for flower show

MERRIOTT Gardening Club held its annual Flower & Produce Show recently.

Despite the hot summer – when so many flowers bloomed earlier than usual – and showery rain the week before the show, there was an excellent number of exhibits.

The weather was kind on the day and in the afternoon visitors enjoyed the exhibits, cream teas and cakes made by members, prize giving and auction.

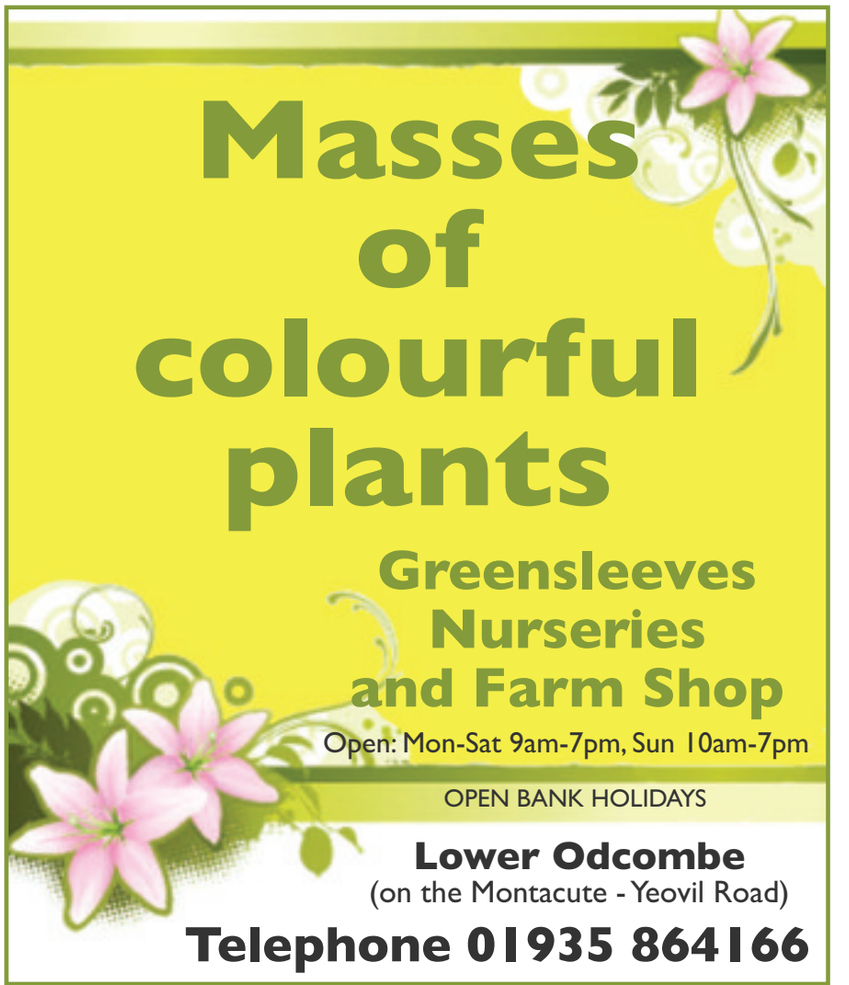
The prizewinners were: John Wallis Memorial Rose Bowl (Flowers) – Barbara Byford & Lucy Stokes; Peggy Wallis Memorial Cup (Fruit & Veg) – Tom Hemmings; Cornelius Shield (Floral Arrangements) – Hatty Clark; Domestic Cup – Jane Dandridge & Lucy Stokes; Arts & Crafts Cup – Tina Mortimer & Beryl Virgin; Photography Cup – Alan Keene; Brigadier Keith Mullins Shield (Most First Prizes in Show) – Tom Hemmings; Medal & Certificate: Children 5-7 (most points) – Samuel Larkins, Children 8-10 – Molly Larkins; Children 11-13 – Eve Sale; Margaret Oliver Trophy & Certificate (Overall most points in Section 8 for children) - Molly Larkins.

■ **MOLLY Larkins being presented with the Margaret Oliver Trophy and Certificate for Overall Most Points in Section Eight for Children *(right)* and Christine McLeod presenting the John Wallis Memorial Rose Bowl to joint winners Barbara Byford and Lucy Stokes for most first prizes in the floral section *(below)***

● Merriott Gardening Club has around 40 members and eight committee members.

They meet every month in the Tythe Barn, Merriott and have a programme of speakers on a different gardening related subject.

The club organises visits to gardens, a pre-Christmas lunch and a quiz night with buffet – all of which are very popular.



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Reserves: Perry Street League Division Two

CREWKERNE Town Football Club was founded in 1903 and has had a fair amount of success over the years.

'The Tigers' currently have two teams, the First & Reserve team who play in the Perry Street and District League Premier Division and Division Two respectively.

The First Team will again be managed by Ben Cox and Matt Bisgrove, a formidable partnetrship that cut its teeth in the lower leagues of the perry street. The 2013/14 Season proved to be fantastic for the dynamic duo as they guided the team to both league and cup victories. A first for the club since the 1948/49 season, not an insignificant achievement. It's easy to wax lyrical of some of the talents the club has kicking a ball of wind, Jason Manley, the club captain and whilst he's had more clubs than a cavemans wife, he's been great for us and never puts a foot wrong. Personally I think it's a Manley thing, I don't know any of them that weren't good at football! We also like to single out Jamie Spurdle for being the league top scorer, often looks like a lazy player, even with his Dad, Mike, yelling at him week in week out, but he knows where the goal is. The upcoming sees us welcome back some players from injury and with a good squad of players we are looking forward to the season. The dynamic duo have their eye on a couple more additions but they're keeping it quiet for now!

The Reserve team start life in Division Two of the Perry Street League under the management of Anth Godwin and Mikey McCormack. The Tigers' second string are currently unbeaten in pre-season friendlies and recently lifted the Terry Hazzell invitation shield. Looking to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

Our home is the George Reynolds Centre in Crewkerne, it's managed by Sarah Wills and her team and they really make us feel at home. The facilities are second to none in the area, plenty of room and ample hot water for the showers!

Training is on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm at Henhayes, Crewkerne and everybody, old and new, is welcome. I must warn you, it's run by Mike McCormack and is not a place for the fainthearted! We are still looking to add a few players so I would urge people to give it a go.

▲ **Crewkerne 1st XI Management** | Ben Cox & Matt Bisgrove

▲ **Crewkerne 1st XI** | Back Row (L-R): Ben Cox (Joint-Manager), Adam Swinnaton, Richard Crabb, Jason Manley (captain), Paul Higgins (Chairman), Hayley Pattimore (Sponsor, All Glass & Glazing), Dale Wood, Jamie Spurdle, Pete Symes, Dave John, Matt Bisgrove (Joint-Manager). Front Row (L-R): Steve Rowe, Adam Dawe, Josh Parsons, Paul McCormack, Jason Rendal, Jak Flatt.

THANK YOU CREWKERNE FC

I WOULD like to thank Crewkerne Football Club for all of the fantastic fundraising that they've done over the past year! The chairman, Paul Higgins, has been instrumental in driving this and I would like to thank him and all of those who have helped to raise the money. Through charity football matches, fun days and quiz nights, they have raised enough money to pay for one of our nurses for three weeks, a phenomenal result.

We need more organisations like Crewkerne Football Club! Sadly we are lacking in support from groups, clubs and associations across the county, whether a sports club, school or scout group we need more organisations to help us to pay for the much needed support services in Somerset.

If you or your club would like to get involved in raising money for our much needed services in Somerset, please get in touch with me, Genevieve Drinkwater, your Fundraising Manager, on 07801 307 024 or email gdrinkwater@macmillan.org.uk – there are lots of exciting ways to get involved!

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Crewkerne Town 1st XI Fixtures*

Perry Street League Premier Division

September

3	Sept	A	v	Beaminster (6.15pm ko)
6	Sept	A	v	South Petherton (2pm ko)

*Only fixtures available when going to press.

Crewkerne Town 1st XI Fixtures*

Perry Street League Premier Division

August

30	Aug	A	v	Waytown Hounds (2.30pm ko)

September

6	Sept	A	v	Combe A (2.30pm ko)

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OAK Lodge care centre in Chard held recently held a charity day to raise funds for a new minibus and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Pictured above are young supporters Brendon Jones and 1Sam Fualger, both aged 13, running the bottle tombola.

Ferne reaches £100,000 milestone

FERNE Animal Sanctuary near Chard is celebrating after its "New Digs for Dogs" appeal in aid of a £1million project for 2014/15 recently reached the £100,000 milestone.

The sanctuary launched the project in March this year to build a new enhanced kennel block, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre at their site in Wambrook.

While £500,000 has been saved from various sources over many years towards the project, the charity still needs to raise the remaining £500,000 through donations.

Patricia Gardner-Harper, acting director of Ferne Animal Sanctuary, said: "The response from the general public, businesses and our supporters has been nothing short of amazing. We reached the first milestone of £50,000 in June, so to have reached the second at such an early stage is quite incredible."

Fundraising activities have included a head-shave at Ferne's recent family fun day, Ferne's first music festival at Haselbury Mill near Crewkerne, bingo nights, colour and style workshops, coffee mornings and school tuck shops.

Patricia continued: "Everyone at Ferne is so grateful for the support being received, it's overwhelming. But there is still a long way to go to reach our target of £500,000 before the end of 2015, so I appeal to everyone to please continue to donate - and have great fun with their fundraising events.

"I'd also like to encourage everyone to come and visit the sanctuary to see the progress being made on the new rehoming centre. Everyone here is very excited at the moment as the roof has just gone on!"

Fundraising packs for the appeal and details of how to donate can be obtained by calling Ferne Animal Sanctuary on 01460 65214 or by visiting www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org

PATRICIA Gardner-Harper, acting director at Ferne Animal Sanctuary *Photo by JACKIE NICHOLLS*

Sanctuary to host popular dog show

FERNE Animal Sanctuary's popular annual fun dog show is being held on Sunday, September 7th at the site in Wambrook, near Chard.

Attracting owners and their dogs from all areas, the event starts at 11am with registration until 12.30pm. Judging commences at 1pm. Each class has a £1 entry fee and rosettes will be awarded up to sxith place. Special event parking is available on the day for £3 per car.

Coombefield Veterinary Surgery, which has looked after Ferne's animals for many years, is sponsoring two of the several novelty classes, "Best Veteran Dog" of seven years or over and "Best Child Handler" aged 6-14 years.

The Boat Building Academy at Lyme Regis and Acheson Construction, which is currently building the £1million dog rehoming centre at the sanctuary, are sponsoring the obedience classes.

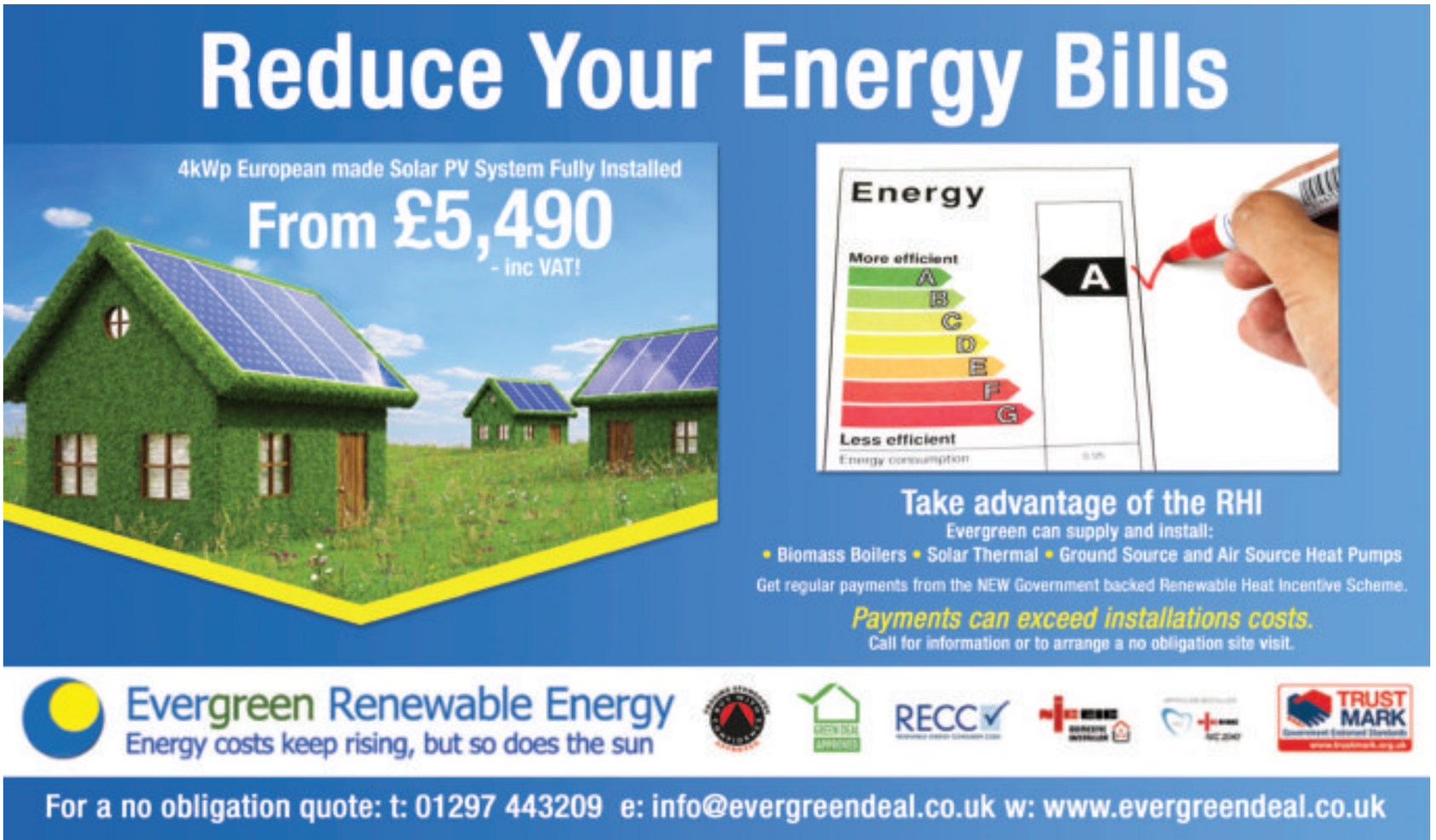
Tara Nirula, acting head of animal care, said: "Our dog show is fun for all the family and raises awareness of the important work we do here at the Sanctuary.

"We find homes for around 170 dogs every year and are really looking forward to opening our brand new rehoming centre in November, as this will enable us to double the number of dogs we currently help."

Fundraising weekend for community hospital

THE Co-operative in Chard is holding a charity event over the coming weekend of Friday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 24th, to include a cake sale and raffle in aid of Chard Community Hospital and Community First Responders.

Staff at the Co-op would like to thank the following businesses for supporting their raffle: Seaton Tramway, Otter Nurseries, Escot, Wiveypool Open Air Pool, Hestercombe Gardens and Forde Abbey.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It's a job to send off communications (4)
3. Progressive direction as far as hospital rooms are concerned (8)
9. Row about the return of the doctor is disgusting (7)
10. The result of an addition to the account that's endless (5)
11. Could it be a film of the Scottish mountains? (8,4)
13. Making observations outside the capital of Germany (6)
15. Young animals found in the garbage bin (6)
17. Travel voucher for the bachelor? (6,6)
20. Plenty found among damp leaves (5)
21. May be well patronised at play-time (7)
22. An obstruction on one and all nearly producing aristocratic epithet (8)
23. Those in favour of the pupils, we hear (4)

Down

1. An inclination to write a song (8)
2. A ballistic device used for supporting a member (5)
4. The wettest parts of the earth (6)
5. He's skilled in finding liquid assets (5-7)
6. Withdraw to the monastery, maybe (7)
7. Only sea-food (4)
8. People on this surface are likely to use bias (7-5)
12. Takes trouble about the right union members (8)
14. One on an excursion is a dancer (7)
16. The girl embraced by Robert Harris (6)
18. Common fund for Catherine (5)
19. Sounds like congestion seen at the side of the entrance (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Select (4)
3. Yielded (8)
9. Warlike (7)
10. Move sideways (5)
11. Self-government (12)
13. Unmask (6)
15. Proscribe (6)
17. Decline (12)
20. Accumulate (5)
21. Melancholy (7)
22. Collapse (4,4)
23. Parched (4)

Down

1. Amalgamated (8)
2. Sensational (5)
4. Become less severe (6)
5. Shady (12)
6. Addition to will (7)
7. Action (4)
8. Ousted (12)
12. Cheated (8)
14. Be victorious (7)
16. Grassland (6)
18. Deduce (5)
19. Stray (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	4	9	6	5	2	1	8	7
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 The buck; 7 Music; 9 Break; 10 Look-out; 12 Legal tender; 14 The Bastille; 18 Drawing; 19 Of day; 21 Lover; 22 Lineage. Down: 1 Sharp; 2 Abrade; 3 Ace; 4 Buskin; 5 Minutes; 8 Contain; 11 Passing; 13 Chariot; 15 Bowler; 16 Lifted; 17 Laugh; 20 Wig.
QUICK - Across: 6 Durable; 7 Widen; 9 State; 10 Gainsay; 12 Under stress; 14 Stage player; 18 Protect; 19 Carry; 21 Flour; 22 Collect. Down: 1 Quota; 2 Fasten; 3 Sly; 4 Winner; 5 Relapse; 8 Oarsman; 11 Respect; 13 Sterile; 15 Get out; 16 Enable; 17 Trick; 20 Joy.

The Great Dorset Steam Fair

The largest event of its type, in the World!

WHAT makes The Great Dorset Steam Fair so special?

Throughout the year, the thoughts of hundreds of thousands of people turn towards the annual pilgrimage to that steam and vintage spectacular, the Great Dorset Steam Fair – and 'pilgrimage' is just the word, for those large, rolling fields at Tarrant Hinton have earned on an almost sacred mystique over the years.

The Great Dorset Steam Fair assaults all of our senses at the same time, yet numbs our minds with its hugeness. The dazzling sight of so many historic steam engines trundling around or performing fascinating working demonstrations of everything from threshing to heavy haulage, woodsawing, stone-crushing and road rolling, has to be seen to be believed.

As for sounds, the Great Dorset Steam Fair rings in your ears for months after you've wended your weary way homewards with aching legs – and much lighter wallets if you've enjoyed yourself as much as you're supposed to! The galactic mixture of sounds includes more than 100 fairground and street organs all playing their own particular tunes at the same time; the heart stopping shrieks of steam whistles and sirens; the rasp of vintage tractors hard at work; the regular beat of belt driven threshing machinery; the buzz of circular saws; the bark of exhausts in the heavy haulage arena; the screams of white-knuckle fairground riders; the pops, bangs or well-oiled clicking of stationary engines; the whine of dynamos on showmen's engines; the muted clang of rolls over stone chips and, most of all, the banter and the laughter of people simply having the time of their lives!

This year's show which will take place between August 27th and 31st promises to be better than ever with the staging of a special commemorative display to mark the Centenary anniversary of the start of the First World War. It is fitting that the show honours the sacrifices that many millions gave during the 1914-1918 conflict. The display has been carefully and sensitively put together as our tribute to these people. The display is divided into three main areas; a Western Front area, a Home Front area and an Exhibition Marquee that is to be shared with the National Traction Engine Trust, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary year.

It is very interesting to note that the showground at Tarrant Hinton has its own special link to WW1, as it was on part of the land used for the steam fair each year (the current Blandford car park) where men of the Royal Naval Division trained as infantry during WW1 at Blandford Camp in readiness for the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. Indeed the bore hole (for water) which was sunk for the encampment of infantry trainees is still used by the fair today as a water feed to the two large water lagoons – water stored for all the steam engines each year.

The most abiding memory of any Great Dorset Steam Fair, though, comes when the sun goes down and the showmen's engines come out to play, rocking gently with their canopies lit up in a blaze of colour as their belt-driven dynamos sing. Beside the warm bellies of these burnished giants, stories are swapped late into the night and laughter rends the air.

As for the total number of exhibits at this year's Great Dorset Steam Fair, how do more than 220 steam engines, 250 tractors, 320 commercial vehicles, 80 military vehicles, 100 vintage and veteran cars, 140 vintage and veteran motorcycles, 100 pedal cycles, 120 stationary engines, 140 models and 70 miniature engines in steam sound? There will also be the usual superb display of heavy horses, crafts and collections topped off with more than 3000 trade stands!

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EXCITEMENT BUILDING AHEAD OF PRIZE-GIVING!

ENTRIES are now in and judging is about to commence as Ilminster Arts Centre gets set to open its latest Photographic Open Exhibition. Prize-winners will be announced at a special preview on Tuesday 26th August and all are welcome to attend.

This will be the second sponsored exhibition of photography to take place at the Arts Centre, following a very successful first Photography Open in 2013.

Once again, Ilminster Arts Centre are very grateful to Lentells Chartered Certified Accountants who are sponsoring the first prize of £300 and two joint second prizes of £100 each, and Bilbys Coffee Shop who are sponsoring the Visitors' Choice prize of £50. In addition all winners will be invited to take part in a joint exhibition in 2014.

The Photographic Open Exhibition is open Monday, August 25th - Saturday, September 13th, Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm.

Prize-giving will take place on Tuesday, August 26th from 5-6.30pm, and all are welcome to attend.

Heritage Theatre presents

THE ROAD TO WAR

HERITAGE Theatre is an amateur non-profit making group of local performers who give their services free to raise funds to protect our heritage. Established in the 1960s by Gervais Bellamy, the group's first performance at Donyatt was in 2006 with the Story of the Music Halls. Since then Heritage Theatre have been regular and welcome visitors at Donyatt Village Hall with a variety of productions. Their most recent was in April 2013 – 'St George and Merrie England' – a celebration of St George's Day.

On Friday, September 19th the popular Heritage Theatre will be returning to Donyatt to provide an enjoyable evening of song and verse that pays tribute to all who fought, suffered and died in the Great War – all with a local flavour.

The cast will outline the times leading up to the First World War, using related songs and poetry to tell the stories. Many of the songs have well known choruses for the audience to join in. Such robust renderings as 'Soldiers of the Queen' and 'Dolly Grey' are included.

Following an interval to enjoy a two course hot supper, reflecting the theme of the evening, the cast will return to the stage and focus on the First World War. Songs performed in the Music Halls and those sung by the troops in the trenches will feature. 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', 'Pack up your Troubles' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' are good examples for audience participation.

Cast members include Bruce Farrer, Maria Farey, Jonathan Farey, Jemima Farey, Neil Lane, Patrick Moran, Andrew Tressider and Sue Veale.

Tickets £9 to include hot 2 course supper reflecting the theme of the evening. For further details and tickets for *The Road to War* can be obtained by calling 01460 53879 or 53861.

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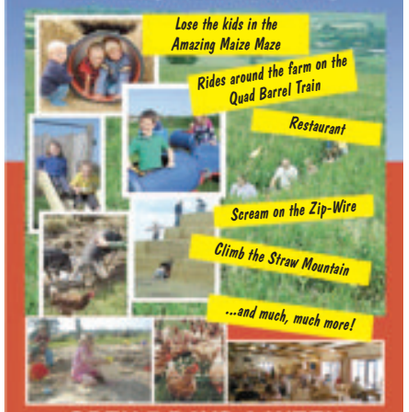

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY AUGUST 22ND

ILMINSTER: Horseshoes and Handprints Quiz at The Shrubbery Hotel, 7.30pm for 8pm start. £10 per team of four. For more details call 01460 63856.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

CREWKERNE: Friday board games/jigsaw morning at Henhayes Centre -11am to 12noon. Come along to see what is on offer

SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD

DOWLISH WAKE: Craft Fair 'Made In Chillington' at Speke Hall, Dowlish Wake, 10am-4pm. Cream Teas available. Handicrafts, glass, wood, cards, paintings, photographs, cakes, homemade produce, burgers and lots miore. In aid of St James' Church, Lower Chillington.

BARRINGTON: Village Fete, 2-5pm at the Village Hall and Recreation Field. Children's fancy dress competition at 1.30pm outside St Mary's Church, procession to the village hall for the fete opening at 2pm. Music from Phoenix Brass Band, afternoon teas on the terrace, grand raffle, Men's Summer Hat competition, and fortune-telling Mystic Mariner! Beer tent, Pimms bar, food village. Dog show, exhibition of vintage bicycles. Entry £1 (children under 12 free), to include a programme with winning lucky number. Barrington Boar will have music from 'The Railhogs' from 9pm.

CHARD: Cream Tea at Harmony Snowdon, Cottage Lane, 2.30-4pm in aid of League of Friends of Chard Hospital. Admission £4.

SATURDAY AUG 23RD - SATURDAY AUG 30TH

BEAMINSTER: The 26th Annual Exhibition by Mosterton Art Group will take place in the Skyrm Room of Beaminster Public Hall, DT8 3EF from 10 am to 5pm each day (4 pm on the last day). Members' original art work and cards are for sale at realistic prices. Free entry. Disabled access. Parking in adjacent public car park.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH

DINNINGTON: Dinnington Cross Country Fun Ride at Dinnington TA17 8SX from 9.30am, £12 entry on the day, open to all, under 14s must be accompanied, public liability insurance must be valid. In aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Rotary Charities. More info: Rotarian Nick Bacon 01460 72665, or www.crewkerne-rotary-club.co.uk

CHARD: Historical Health Walks (Guided free*) at 2.30pm for 1½ hrs. Start opposite Chard Beacon(Crowshute Link eastside). Finish at Chard Museum for tea or coffee and biscuits. Contact: nfo@chardmuseum.co.uk or ring 65091 to book place. Promoted by Chard Museum High St, Chard, TA20 1QB. *Event sponsored by Nigel Pearson/SCC Health and Well-being Fund

ILMINSTER: Party On The Park 2014. At Ilminster Recreation Ground, midday - 8.30pm. Tug Of War, Strong Man, Climbing Wall, Puppet Show, BBQ, Hog Roast, Bring a Picnic. Stalls and other activities. Live music from IOUs, A Night With Lions, The Evolution Project, Hillbilly Sunrise, Vicious Ember, Emma Cole, Sway. Free entry.

TUESDAY AUGUST 26TH

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session at Henhayes Centre. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm, at Henhayes Centre.

THURSDAY AUGUST 28TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

CREWKERNE: Friday board games/jigsaw morning at Henhayes Centre -11am to 12noon. Come along to see what is on offer

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH

ILMINSTER: Heritage of the Ile Workshop at the Meeting House, 9.30am - 1pm.

MERRIOTT: Crimson on Silver playing live at Merriott Social Club at 9pm. All welcome, free entry.

CREWKERNE: Breakfast and 100 Club Draw at Henhayes Centre – 10am to 12noon. Basic breakfast £4.00

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST

DOWLISH WAKE: Flower, Craft & Vegetable Show at Speke Hall. Judging from 11am, show open to public at 2pm. Cream teas in the Manor House Gardens from 2pm (courtesy of Emma Clark).

MERRIOTT: Jumble Sale at Merriott Social Club, 2-4pm, 20p entry.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session at Henhayes Centre. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

CHARD: Chard Camera club will be holding the first of their meetings at the start of their new year of events at the Chard Baptist Church hall at 7.30pm. The meeting will be based on the WCPF members results and presented by club member Mr Peter O Shea Snr: Any person wishing join the club will be made most welcome on the evening or they can make contact with the Members/competition secretary Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or via the web site chardcameraclub.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

CREWKERNE: Special Roast Lunch – £7.50, at Henhayes Centre. Please phone the Centre for further details and to reserve your place

CREWKERNE: Friday board games/jigsaw morning at Henhayes Centre, 11am to 12noon. Come along to see what is on offer

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH & SATURDAY SEPT 6TH

MARTOCK: Patchwork exhibition at Martock Church, 10am-4pm each day. Dozens of quilts on display, quilt raffle, sales table (including quilts) refreshments available.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

CHAFFCOMBE: Wine and Cheese Quiz in the village hall, from 7.30pm. Teams of four at a cost of £5 per person, to include a light supper. No knowledge of wine of cheese necessary as it is all a bit of fun, so why not come along and join in. Tickets available 01460 61407

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month.

CHARD: The Royal British Legion Chard Branch Committee Meeting 7pm-8pm The Maltings, Chard. For more details please contact the Clive Sanders, Branch Secretary on 01460 64512.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH - SATURDAY 13TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents the musical "High Society" at the Victoria Hall, at 7.30pm each night. Tickets available on line at www.cudos.org.uk or 01460 74380. Cost £8 and £7 concessions.

ILMINSTER: IES present "The Haunting" By Hugh Janes after Charles Dickens, drama 7:30pm at The Warehouse Theatre. Tickets £8.50, £7.50, £7 child tel: 07943 779880 or from Lanes Garden Shop, Silver Street

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting in the Conservative club for their monthly meeting at 7.30pm at the Chard Conservative Club. Any person wishing to join or make enquiries to join can do so by coming to the meeting or by contacting the secretary Mr Roy Lovell 65362 01460 or Chairman Paula Moon 01460 929041 they will be made most welcome.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

CHARD: Chard History Group talk. 'Farming as a young man in Somerset' by Peter Tinney. At Manor Court Primary School. Refreshments available. New members and guests welcome. Free schoolyard parking.

FRIDAY SEPT 12TH & SATURDAY SEPT 13TH

TATWORTH: Tatworth Amateur Pantomime Society presents 'Around the World in 10 TAPS Ways' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm each night. Adults £5, concessions £4. Pay at the door. A musical variety show.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Sticks' presents 'The Book Thief ' (12A), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact 01460 72906.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness September Meeting. Guest Speaker: Peter Gane Topic: Electro-Sensitivity. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 07931884726.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

TATWORTH: FREE Tea & Talk by David Craner the Crewkerne Town Crier at Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall from 2pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198.

From small acorns… 10th Oak Fair welcomes new exhibitors

FROM handmade wooden clocks and toys to delicious slow roasted Salt Marsh Lamb and home-cooked vegetarian delights, Stock Gaylard Oak Fair has a whole host of new exhibitors for its 10th anniversary event, taking place on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August 2014 near Sherborne, Dorset.

This year, as well as popular regulars, such as tractor rides around the famous deer park, have-a-go archery and woodland machinery demonstrations, visitors can expect even more woodland creations on Oak Avenue with handmade wooden toys from Creative Woodcraft, traditional Wivey Windsor Chairs and stylish clocks from Woodland Clocks Ltd.

When it comes to food, the Market Square is the place to enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and will welcome some new faces, including The Thoroughly Wild Meat Company, Meat Free Martha and Gold Hill Organics.

A one-day family ticket, which includes two adults and up to two children (aged 5 - 16 years old) costs £20. Adult tickets cost £8.50 each and children's tickets cost £3.50 each. Tickets are now available online www.bradsons.co.uk or can be purchased upon arrival.

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CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, Aug 22nd - Thursday, Aug 28th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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The Inbetweeners 2 [15]
Fri-Wed: 13.30, 16.10, 17.30, 18.30, 20.00, 21.00 (plus Sat: 22.00)
Thu: 13.30, 16.10, 18.30, 21.00

What If [15]
Daily: 14.30, 17.20, 20.10

Into The Storm [12A]
Daily: 15.45, 18.10, 20.30
plus Fri-Sun: 13.20

The Expendables 3 [12A]
Daily: 15.30, 21.10, plus Fri-Mon: 18.20

Guardians of the Galaxy [12A]
Fri: 11.15, 14.15, 16.20, 17.00, 19.15, 20.00
Sat-Thu: 11.15, 14.15, 17.00, 20.00

Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes [12A]
Fri-Tue: 14.20, 17.20, 20.20
Wed & Thu: 18.20

How To Train Your Dragon 2 [PG]
Fri: 11.20, 12.20, 13.50, 14.50
Sat & Sun: 10.40, 12.20, 13.10, 14.50, 15.40
Mon-Thu: 10.40, 12.20, 13.10, 14.50

Doctor Who: Series 8 Episode 1, Deep Breath plus live Q&A with Peter Capaldi [PG] Sat: 19.00

Maleficent [PG]
Daily: 10.00, 10.10am

The Lego Movie [U] Daily: 10.00am

Frozen [PG] Fri-Sun: 10.20am

Deliver Us From Evil [15]
Daily: 15.30, 18.45, 21.20

Hector and The Search for Happiness [15] Fri, Sun: 11.40am

Planes: Fire and Rescue [U]
Fri-Tue: 11.00, 12.15, 13.15
Wed & Thu: 11.00, 13.15

The Unbeatables [U]
Sat, Mon-Thu: 12.00

The Nut Job [U]
Daily: 10.50, 13.10

Lucy [15]
Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 11.30, 13.40, 15.55, 18.20, 20.45
Sun: 12.45, 15.05, 18.20, 20.45

Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For [18]
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This week's new cinema releases

SIN CITY: A DAME TO DIE FOR [18]

CO-DIRECTORS Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller reunite to bring Miller's "Sin City" graphic novels back to the screen. Weaving together two of Miller's classic stories with new tales, the town's most hard boiled citizens cross paths with some of its more notorious inhabitants.

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Meet the Chef

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Coach & Horses

South Perrott

SINCE taking over the Coach and Horses, South Perrott in September 2012, landlady Jane Holdsworth has transformed this pub into a more modern country pub with new contemporary ensuite rooms.

The recent introduction of a second chef means every Friday night is now fresh fish night, with a two course meal at £14.95. Chef Jack has come from a hotel and pub background and is keen to introduce fresh ideas to the menu, which changes regularly.

Saturday night is steak night, with 12 oz rump steak and 8oz ribeye steaks both £9.95. Also regular Indian nights cooked by Chillies from chard feature regularly on the calendar, the next one being on Monday 1st of September,fantastically priced at 2 courses for £12, with a huge choice of Indian meals.

Popular lunchtime offers include 2 meals for £10.95, making The Coach and Horses an ideal place to wine and dine, with a function room and skittle alley also available to hire very reasonably.

Bilbys coffee shop

Crewkerne & Ilminster

CELEBRATING 13 years of service to the people of Crewkerne and its visitors, Bilbys in Market Street is a friendly place to dine for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea.

Its central location and easy access makes it's a great meeting place for friends wanting a chat over a cuppa and perhaps a slice of delicious homemade cake or shortbread of which there is a wide range to choose from.

Owned by husband and wife team Tris and Jane Pinkney and located in a listed building, formerly the Red Lion Hotel, Bilbys Crewkerne is run by Jane and retains many original features such as the fire place and decorative floor tiles, stained glass windows and ceramics in the porchway. There are also blow up photographs of historical views on the walls, daily newspapers and a noticeboard of local events, all adding to the atmosphere of your dining experience. There is also a Bilbys Ilminster, in Silver Street near the church which is celebrating ten years this year and is run by Tris.

The food at Bilbys is all made on the premises to a very high standard using the best ingredients, sourced locally. The cakes are made by Jane in Crewkerne and also sold in Ilminster, both eat in or takeaway. There are no GM products and special dietry requirements can be accommodated, there are some gluten free items on the menu already. With a menu of full breakfasts, including optional black pudding ,light bites such as toasted sandwiches and baguettes(the brie, cranberry and rocket special toastie was to die for), jacket potatoes with basic or more imaginative fillings such as garlic mushrooms or chick pea and coriander. Served with a side salad which includes delicious homemade coleslaw, they are a meal in themselves but there are also things like cauli cheese or smokies and casseroles as part of the main menu or on the daily special board. Cream teas with homemade scones or a slice of cake with cream or custard (the Battenburg was ,light moist, not overly sweet and totally delicious) or perhaps an icecream sundae for the sweet tooth, all washed down with a wide selection of teas, (ceramic teapots that pour not dribble) milk shakes or soft

drinks.

Nothing on the menu is over £8 and they still work on a cash only basis to help keep the costs down. Bilbys has a five star hygiene rating.

Half portions of all the food can be served for children (no chips there) and the wheel- friendly access, high chairs and toys all make it a family friendly environment. There is a separate dining room which can seat up to 24 and is often hired out for seminars, meetings or private parties.

Opening hours are 9am-5pm Monday to Saturday. Easter opening will be Good Friday 10am-4pm Easter Saturday 9am-5pm and closed Sunday and Monday.

Jane and Tris would like to thank all their customers from the last 13 years and especially their excellent team of staff who work very hard to create a warm and friendly atmosphere.

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Flavours captures the vision of bringing together the freshest of produce from locally sourced suppliers to a passionate team intent on providing made-to-order, honest, real and tasty dishes in simple and warm surroundings. That is why good food really costs less at Flavours.

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"At the moment I am running Fish and Fish Sauces for groups of three at a time." says Herman. "They spend about four hours in the restaurant kitchen learning how to fillet and cook various types of fish and to make the sauces suitable for serving with fish. The rewarding bit is when they sit down and eat what they have cooked and can't believe they have done it all themselves.

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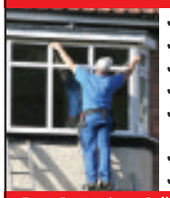

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Testing of All-New Right-Hand-Drive Mustang Begins

FOR the first time ever, a right-hand-drive Ford Mustang will roll off a Ford assembly line when global production begins. The addition of a right-hand-drive Mustang to Ford's line-up of global vehicles will allow the iconic 'pony car' to be exported to more than 25 right-hand-drive markets around the world, including the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa.

Mustang engineers recently finished construction of the very first right-hand-drive sixth-generation Mustang. The prototype Mustang will be used to conduct various development tests in preparation for the car's entry into the global market in the coming months.

While the United States is the largest market for Mustang with more than 9.2 million sales since the car's debut in 1964, more than 161,000 Mustangs have been sold outside of North America in that time. In 2012 alone, more than 4,000 Mustangs were sold in 35 countries outside of North America, ranging from the United Arab Emirates to Chile to the Philippines.

While Mustang has more than 100 fan clubs around the globe, and was recently voted "Europe's Most Wanted Classic Car" by AutoScout24, bringing a right-hand-drive Mustang to market will allow more enthusiasts to experience the car than ever before.

50 years of Mustang

Ford Mustang is the newest member of a very exclusive club – vehicles in continuous production for 50 years. The car has a worldwide base of fans, including more than 7.6 million on Facebook – the most of any vehicle nameplate. From the beginning, Mustang's unique combination of style, performance and affordability established an entirely new class of sporty cars, and it has led the segment ever since.

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New Audi A7 Sportback Range Champions Efficiency

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A NEW range of Audi A7 Sportback models, including a 60mpg V6 TDI ultra, becomes available in the UK this week, further enriching the blend of grand tourer elegance and executive car versatility already offered by the acclaimed 'five-door coupe'. Priced from £45,875 OTR, the latest, simplified A7 Sportback line-up combines enhanced EU6-compliant engines with styling revisions, new LED headlights and tail lights including 'sweeping' indicators, further improved interior decor and upgraded infotainment. The first examples are set to arrive with UK customers in the last quarter of 2014.

First in line in the new order for the latest A7 Sportback is SE Executive specification, which replaces the Standard and SE options in the outgoing range. Highlights which elevate this comprehensive new trim level above its predecessors include all-weather LED headlights, sweeping rear indicators, 19-inch alloy wheels and deluxe four-zone automatic air conditioning. It also includes comforts such as heated and Milano leather-upholstered seats with electric adjustment, MMI navigation, Audi Music Interface, front and rear acoustic parking sensors and a powered tailgate, to name but a small proportion of the features.

S line specification is next in line, and is enhanced in the latest range by larger 20-inch alloy wheels (up from 19 inches), sweeping function indicators at the front and rear and Matrix LED headlights. Each of these advanced units features 25 separate LED bulbs which are individually dimmed when sensors detect oncoming or following traffic to automatically divert light around obstacles without the need to deactivate the high beam setting.

More S line options

In a new departure for the A7 Sportback range, the sports suspension that is included as part of the S line specification can be 'deselected' in favour of standard suspension at no extra cost if required, and for an even greater focus on comfort the wheel size in this version can be dropped down to 19-inch, also at no cost. Inside, in another break with tradition, the normally black S line colour scheme can also now be replaced by a new Lunar silver colour option.

At the upper end of the range, Black Edition, S7 Sportback and RS 7 Sportback models also of course benefit from all the relevant styling and equipment enhancements.

From launch, these improved specification levels will be available in combination with a choice of six powerful and highly efficient engines offering enhanced power outputs ranging from 218PS to 450PS, and complying with stringent EU6 emissions legislation.

A particular highlight in the new line-up will undoubtedly be the A7 Sportback ultra, the first in this new range of overtly efficiency focused models to combine frugality worthy of the ultra badge with six cylinder power. The heavily modified single-turbo 3.0-litre V6 is capable of returning an outstanding 60.1mpg, corresponding to CO2 emissions of 122 grams per kilometre, and a seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission newly developed specifically for front-wheel-drive applications helps to maximise its 400Nm peak torque output and delivers keener response than the multitronic CVT transmission used by its closest predecessor. In the TDI ultra the 0-62mph sprint takes just 7.3 seconds on the way to a top speed of 149mph.

The 218PS V6 TDI engine is also available in the new range in conjunction with quattro permanent all-wheel-drive and seven-speed S tronic transmission, a configuration that is shared by the 272PS single-turbo V6 which slots in above it in the range. In the top TDI tier, the mighty 320PS twin turbo BiTDI channels its 650Nm via the eight-speed tiptronic automatic. As an alternative to diesel power, a supercharged six-cylinder petrol unit delivering 333PS and linked to the seven-speed S tronic transmission and quattro all-wheel-drive is also available.

30PS more for S7 Sportback

V8 twin-turbo petrol power is reserved for the new S7 Sportback and RS 7 Sportback models, the latter set to open for order next month ready for first deliveries in the first quarter of 2015. The S7 Sportback now benefits from a 30PS power upgrade to 450PS while the RS 7 Sportback uses its 560PS output to deliver a remarkable sub-four-second 0-62mph sprint time. The S7 Sportback uses the seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch and the RS 7 Sportback the eight-speed tiptronic, and the units in both cars employ Cylinder-on-Demand technology to make the most of every tank of fuel. The new S7 Sportback shows a slight improvement in economy despite its power boost, returning up to 30.4mpg according to the official combined cycle test, and benefits from a 4% or 10g/km reduction in CO2 output to 215g/km. In the RS 7 Sportback, engine revisions have also brought slight improvements to CO2 output and economy, which now stand at 221g/km and 29.7mpg (according to the combined cycle test).

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The New Technology That Will Power The Family Car of 2020

THE family cars of the next decade will be some of the most economical mainstream cars ever built, thanks to a raft of cutting-edge technologies which are already being worked on, according to a new report by Autocar.

The world's oldest and most respected motoring title has revealed the top five new technologies that will propel the average family car to achieve CO2 output figures of well under 90g/km and fuel efficiency levels of more than 300mpg. The average family car achieved just 132g/km of CO2 in 2012 and is expected to manage 130g/km by next year.

The European Union has set stringent regulations regulations that require all car makers to meet a rigorous set of average CO2 emissions standards across their entire fleet of vehicles. These come into force in 2020.

Hosted in full here, the report illustrates how flywheels, electric turbochargers and intelligent aerodynamics will shape the way the mid-market saloons and hatchbacks will be built with the specific aim of meeting those standards.

Autocar editor-in-chief Chas Hallett said: "The CO2 targets laid down by the European Union are set to change the face of Europe's car industry forever. Hitting the targets will be expensive and difficult for nearly all of Europe's car makers and the fact that early work is already under way on cars that are still at least five years from the showroom illustrates how challenging it is."

Autocar's top five new fuel-saving technologies:

Flywheels: A British-designed flywheel system, which is used to drive the rear wheels of a front-wheel-drive car, is currently in testing. It's thought flywheels could become far more familiar on mainstream cars in the next decade because they can store waste energy and then release it, much like an electric motor and battery. Flywheel systems are also about a quarter of the cost of a hybrid set-up, far less complex and much lighter.

Variable Compression Ratio Engines: Earlier this year, it was announced that manufacturers were developing engines with variable compression ratios. Although details of how this will be executed were not revealed, the principle has long been an important goal for engine designers. Being able to vary an engine's compression ratio depending on the demands being placed on it will lead to significant advances in efficiency.

Coasting: Coasting technology is something that is certain to be used on future models and will most likely be rolled out in three stages. The first stage, coasting at speed, is already a feature on some manufacturer models fitted with dual-clutch automatic gearboxes. The next version is expected to function when a car is travelling below 4mph. The ultimate version will allow transmission decoupling and engine shut-down when cruising at speed, travelling downhill or approaching traffic lights that are about to turn red.

Electric Turbochargers: Manufacturers have already begun to preview their own versions of electric turbocharging. One such model from Audi uses a powerful fan in the engine's induction system. This fan blows air through the turbo when the engine is decelerating in order to spin the turbo fan up to speed so that full boost is available as soon as the driver gets back on the accelerator. Such a system is especially useful for smaller-capacity downsized engines, which generate little exhaust gas energy, especially at low speed.

Enclosed Wheel Wells: Large steps forward in aerodynamics are difficult to achieve with mid-sized family cars. However, it is believed that wheel wells might yield big reductions in drag. Some manufacturers are already directing air across the face of the front wheels to achieve this. The next natural step is to enclose the wheel housing so airflow doesn't get trapped as it travels under the car. This would mean fitting an undertray that extends beneath the front wishbones. This flexible 'skirt', which could be attached to the wheel arch liners and the lower wishbones, creates a seal that moves with the suspension.

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jack high bowls news and round-up

Ilminster reach last eight of nationals

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
ILMINSTER A maintained their challenge for the Somerset league title with a win at PORTISHEAD on Sunday.

Details: Will Anderson, Paul Denslow, Jason Miles and Mark Denslow 16, S Secker 26; Ian Lightfoot, Chris Robinson, John Ridout and Peter Mattravers 25, T Barnet 18; Matt Hamilton, Bev Brister, Neil Rowe and Louis Ridout 34, D Gregory 15.

Ilminster Men's Double rink played READING in the National Quarter-Finals at Leamington last Thursday with a dry start but a very wet afternoon with thunder and lightning.

Ilminster held their own for the first ten ends but eventually lost 31 to 47 overall.

Details: Matt Hamilton, Neil Rowe ,John Ridout and Louis Ridout 16, G Stacey 22; Will Anderson, Jason Miles, Peter Mattravers and Mark Denslow 15, R Newman 25.

Ilminster B team's hopes of winning the South West one title took a big knock when they surprisingly lost at home on all rinks to WYRALL PARK (Glastonbury) last Saturday.

They will now have to rely on results from the last game of the season.

Details: Dave Crouch, Colin White, Alan Holt and Kevin Hamilton 18, A Harmon 22; Des Maull, John Osborne, Barry Sims and Eric Keitch 11, R Cox 20; Andy Williams, Dave Collins, Phil Cox and Rowland Garland 12, A Barnes 15. Ilminster 41 shots Wyrall Park 57.

Ilminster C were away to WELLINGTON A in their fight against relegation and had a very good win by just two shots with the game going down to the last end.

Details: Dave Hall, Keith Swift, Roy Orme and Robin Trump 15, W Heard 24; Ian Dunsford, Roger Lench, Steve Webster and Sam Webster 23, M Grunks 14; Dave Wallis, Ken Parker, Jo Mitchell and Briane Davies 21 P Kelly 19. Ilminster 59 shots Wellington 57 (10 points to 2).

In the Wessex Mixed Triples League Ilminster entertained YEOVIL with the visitors winning on three of the four rinks on a very wet and windy afternoon and by 79 shots to 51.

Details: Mike King, Maureen Mitchell and Dave Crouch 18, P Colby 16; Betty Marner, Dave Hall and Barry Sims 14, J Humphries 21; Dave Wallis, Jill Parker and Rod Parkin 7, B Colby 22; Val Dargue, Roy Orme and Ken Parker 12, M Burton 20.

Ilminster Ladies played WELLINGTON in the Somerset league with Ilminster winning one and losing one rink but winning overall by 40 shots to 34.

Details: Home, Betty Marner, Margaret Evans, Jill Parker and June Checketts 16, T Helps 20; Away Heather Grinter, Heather Sims, Monica Woodland and Dot Whelan 24, A Gill 14.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*
THERE were three matches for the lawn bowlers this week resulted in two wins and a loss.

On Monday DONYATT came to Chard and had an exceptionally good day defeating Chard 70-29 . in a mixed triples match played over three rinks.

Scores - On rink 2 R Vaux, P Hine and J Bodily lost by 12 shots to 15. Rink 3 saw T Pindar, K Johnson and C Small lose 11 to 20 and on Rink 4 T O'Hara, M Fenwick and R Robinson lost by 6 shots to 35.

Wednesday saw the NOMADS come to Chard. The NOMADS are a touring team that play for charity and are always welcome. This was a mixed triples played over five rinks and Chard won by 89 shots to 54.

Scores - On rink 1 P Small, R Vaux and C Small won by 23 shots to 8. Rink 2 P Hine, P Bagg and D Lawrence won by 27 shots to 7. Rink 3 V Barnard, J Collins and J Bodily won 13-10. Rink 4 B Nichols, D Bagg and M Nichols drew 12-12 and finally on rink 5 P Baldwin, T O'Hara and K Johnson lost 14 – 17.

On Friday Chard travelled to WELLINGTON and achieved a good 77-57 win. They only lost on one rink.

Scores - F Ward, B Nichols and M Nichols took their game by 25 shots to 6. T Pindar, B Pindar and D Lawrence won by 25 shots to 17. R Vaux, P Small and C Small won by 19 shots to 13 and finally T O'Hara, V Barnard and J Bodily lost by 8 shots to 21.

MERRIOTT *with Jean Crisp*
MERRIOTT started the week with a home friendly match against BRIDPORT winning by three rinks to one and by 83 shots to 67.

Rink scores: B.Rosewell, M.Heathcote, P.Stow & J.Parsons 30, M.Dare 14. J.Ashby, P. Melson, C.Warnett & C,Parsons 15, L.Taylor 25. S.Batkin, S.Hayes, A.Davies & R.Self 22, M.Smith 15. I.Kendall, C.Mayes, B.Whitfield & D.Baker 16, J.Tattershall 13.

Last Saturday Merriott played an away league match at SEVERALLS JUBILEE which they lost on all four rinks and by 62 shots to 97.

Rink scores: P.White, J.Ashby, C.Truscott & C.Parsons 20, K.Leamon 28. J.Crisp, B.Whitfield, A.Davies & D.Baker 17, R.Hodder 26. E.Rush, T.Jones, R.Self & A.Truscott 17, D.Rees 21. I.Kendall, C.Warnett, P.Stow & J.Parsons 8, R.Radford 22.

The following day Merriott travelled to HEMYOCK for a friendly triples match.

On a sunny but breezy afternoon Merriott came out the winners by three rinks to one and by 75 shots to 54.

Rink scores: T.Mortimer, S.Nuttall & R.Self 23, C.Risdon 11. D.Crisp, C.Mayes & P.Stow 17, S.Phillips 11. S.Hayes, I.Kendall & B.Dibble 12, K.James 18. D.Heathcote, P.Melson & J.Crisp 23, S.Featherstone 14.

■ **UP FOR THE CUP: The Chardstock Bowls team which competed in last week's Jubilee cup competition at Lyme Regis' Charles Mercer Green. The eight-team competition was won once again by Ottery St Mary BC. Line-up; Standing; Albert Day, seated, from left; Peter Compton, Ted Bird, Derek Eldridge. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

CHARDSTOCK
with Gordon Bodily
ON Friday August 8th 12 members went to TAUNTON BC to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; B Hill, Sue Dando, M Toms 23 L Bass 7,V Jarman, A Day, K Wakelin 18 Doreen Buck 15, M Rogers, J Marks, Barbara Sluman 16 D Bridge 15, Gill Campbell, G Bodily, T Dredge 16, M Matravers 13, final score Taunton 50 Chardstock 73.

On Saturday, August 9th our visitors were CREWKERNE BC play a mixed friendly.

Scores; Jeanette Porter, E Van Der Meulin, Ann Dredge, K Wakelin 36 E Stringer 10, Doris Emery, J Marks, B Hill, Sheila Jeffery 24 M Lane 11, Gill Campbell, A Callagan, Ann Sebright, J Porter 27 P Stringer 17, Phylis Baldwin, T Bird, P Compton,T Dredge 28 T Elsbury 17, final score Chardstock 115 Crewkerne 56.

The following day our visitors were SEVERALLS JUBILEE BC to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; J Milford, J Tucker, Eileen Rolph, K Wakelin 29 P Loaring 5, M Rogers, Ann Dredge, Sheila Jeffery, A Day12 D Rees 23, Phylis Baldwin, E Van Der Meulin, G Bodily, Barbara Sluman 12 R Hodder 27, Gill Campbell, B Howard, Ann Sebright, T Dredge 20 K Leamon 18, final score Chardstock 73 Severalls 73.

On Monday, August 11th nine Ladies went to CREWKERNE BC to play a three-rink friendly.

Scores; Gill Campbell, Doris Emery, Sue Dando 12 A Loose 24, P Stringer, Eileen Rolph, Ann Dredge 28 M Spurway 8, Phylis Baldwin, Jeanette Porter, Ann Sebright 18 An Other 10, final score Crewkerne 42 Chardstock 68.

Finally, last Tuesday our visitors were HONITON BC to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; B Andrews, Ann Dredge, W Kerr, T Dredge 18 D Hillman 7, B Hill, L Lidle, Eileen Rolph, K Wakelin 12 K Clarke 12, A Callagan, E Van Der Meulin, Sheila Jeffery, A Day 18 S Eveligh 8, B Howard, P Compton, G Bodily, N Denslow 23 A Hillyear 3.

Three ends after tea a heavy cloudburst made the green very slippery so the captains decided to abandon the match.

Donyatt emerge on top Severells tornament

ON a scorching afternoon Severalls recently held their annual Invitation Triples Tournament where five invited teams from local bowling clubs compete against five teams from Severalls in a round-robin tournament.

This year teams from South Petherton, Crewkerne; Chardstock; Ilminster and Donyatt BC were in attendance, where, thanks to generous sponsorship from A.J. Wakely & Sons and Golden Charter, and with trophies sponsored by jewellers Ward & Sibley, the winners and runners-up received valuable cash prizes and beautiful trophies.

All players received a goody bag of bowls accessories provided by Golden Charter.

At half-time the players and their guests were treated to a delicious cream team provided by the ladies of the Severalls club, and everyone was able to enter a raffle, a whisky draw and - new for this year - a free draw for a bottle of Champagne provided by Mr Clive Wakely.

The result of the tournament was a win for Donyatt with runners-up Severalls number three team and Ilminster in third place.

league bowls Somerset

Premier 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil	8	58
Bristol	8	52
Clevedon	7	51
Purnell	8	50
Ilminster	6	49
Street	8	49
Taunton	8	43
Bloomfield	7	40
Portishead RBL	8	36
Bath	6	34
Knowle	8	30

South West 1	Pld	Pts
Williton	11	104
Ilminster B	11	99
Wyrral Park	11	97
Minehead	11	78
Wellington	12	69
N. Petherton B	10	68
Taunton Deane	10	60
Ilminster C	11	58
Watchet B	11	54*
Yeovil C	10	53
Crewkerne	11	44
Bridgwater B	11	26
Vict Park (Bridgw)	10	3

◆ *LADIES County unbadged competition* (at Taunton BC - August 23rd)
Q-Finals; N.Webber (Wat) v M.Hawkins (Wx), L.WILLIAMS (Ilm) v J.McInally (Amb), T.Ellis (Vic) v K.Herbison (Con), S.Leigh (Bd) v J.Sherlock (Ba).

◆ **THE Ilminster Double Rink team pictured at Leamington Spa. Line-up, standing, from left; Will Anderson, Jason Miles, John Ridout, Mark Denslow, Paul Denslow, Matt Hamilton (team manager) Front; Neil Rowe, Peter Mattravers, Bev Brister , Louis Ridout.**

◆ **WINNERS: The Donyatt Bowl club team of Terry Dodge, June Checketts and Colin Littlechild pictured receiving their prizes from Clive Wakely of principle sponsors A.J Wakely & Sons at The Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club annual invitational triples tournament. *Photo by KEN LEAMON***

darts chard league

'Lot lead!

Premier	Pld	Pts
Barmy Lot	11	147
Crusaders	12	129
Clubbers	9	108
HRT	10	79
Sharon, Sue & Lizzy	10	74
Wonderers	10	71
We Can Do This	8	69
Cult of Personality	10	66

Most 180s
Team: Barmy Lot 7, Clubbers 5.
Player: Leighton Cox 4.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Madhouse Crew	12	139
Three in a Bed	11	112
B's Knees	11	107
Mighty Oaks	10	98
Two Minute Crew	10	97
Red Devils	11	96
DF's	11	89
Happy Days	11	88
Tis-Us	11	87

Most 180s
Team: Madhouse Crew 3,
Player: Becky Genge 2.

angling ilminster aa

Hunt wins the chase

Summer League 8
ANOTHER really close match last Sunday was fished by seven anglers in less than ideal conditions at Dillington Pond.

Bruce Hunt won with a catch of 14lb 2oz of roach and rudd from peg 3, fishing the whip with maggots on the hook.

Justin Charles was second with 11lb 1oz from peg 18 and caught some nice perch on chopped worm.

Jamie Rich was third with 10lb 8oz of roach and rudd on the pole and caster from peg 7 and just behind him was Stuart Alford with 10lb 7oz from peg 5.

Result: 1 – Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) – 14lb 2oz, 2 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 11lb 1oz, 3 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) – 10lb 8oz, 4 – Stuart Alford (Langport) – 10lb 7oz.

For a full match report go to

http://against menand-fish.blogspot.co.uk/

After eight matches and dropping the worst result, Graham Field leads the league with eight points followed by Robin Cox on 20 and Stuart Alford on 24.

The next match is on Sunday, August 31st the draw is at the Royal Oak at 9am.

football local round-up

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Robins make late arrivals pay

◆ **SAM'S THE MAN:** Sam Clark scored twice in Chard Town's 3-0 win over Oldland Abbotonians on Saturday. ***Photo by STEVE MONK***

Chard Town 3
Oldland Abbotonians 0
Toolstation Div One – att: 82

SATURDAY'S match at Zembard Lane was delayed by 30 minutes with visitors Oldland Abbotonians stuck in traffic on the M5.

Once play got underway the Robins flew out of the blocks and took the lead in third minute when Sam Clark slotted the ball home after good work from Oscar Latis.

The lead was doubled a quarter of an hour later when Louis Gillman volleyed home a Rich Hebditch cross in fine fashion for his first goal since his arrival from Ilminster Town.

Clark struck again just before the hour mark to complete a relatively comfortable victory.

The Robins gave a debut to ex-Street and Wellington keeper Nathan Whatley who replaced the injured Jason Hutchings.

CHARD TEAM; Nathan Whatley, George Chlopecki (Ben Haines 46), Darren Hutchings, Andy Martin, Mark Scott Jamie Underwood (Elliott Dyer 79), Rich Hebditch, Louis Gillman, Sam Clark, Leigh Bailey, Oscar Latis (Jamie Barfoot 72).

Ashton & Backwell 2
Chard Town 2
Toolstation Div One – att: 61

LEIGH Bailey's first goal of teh season and penalty from Sam Clark earned The Robins a points from their trip to Ashton & BVackwell on Wednesday evening.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

ILMINSTER Town were on target to record what, on paper at least, would have been one of the results of the weekend.

The Blues led reigning Premier Division champions Nailsea United 2-0 through goals from Alex Paul and Chris Nezianya.

But the hosts battled back to snatch the win with goals form Alex Goodwin, Stuart Lee and Matt Long.

Earlier in the week a double from Carl Lazenby, and a first clean sheet on the road for 20 months, earned caretaker manager Darren Manley's side their first points of the new season with a 2-0 win at Frome Collegians.

Next up for Ilminster is tomorrow's trip to face Cutters Friday who have already won their opening three matches.

This is followed by Monday's evening's trip to the north coast where Minehead lay in wait.

Down in Division One (west) COMBE ST NICHOLAS opened their points account for the season with a comprehensive 5-1 trouncing of league new boys Taunton United 1610.

The Saints led 2-0 at the interval with brace from Luke Finn.

Taunton halved the deficit after the turnaround only for Dan Collins to make it 3-1 before Finn completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot and an own goal rounded things off.

The Saints travel to pointless Burnham Utd Res tomorrow.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

CHARD TOWN RESERVES get their Devon & Exeter League Premier Division season underway tomorrow with the visit of Budleigh Salterton Reserves before a tough looking trip to Tiverton Town Reserves on Monday evening.

Chard Hospital cup

THE semi-finals of the Chard Hospital cup were due to be played last night (Thursday).

Chard United set-up a clash with Perry Street by hammering Ilminster Colts 5-0 in last Monday's quarter-finals with Jamie Brown bagging four.

Street took their place with a 4-2 win at reformed Merriott Rovers. Dan O'Connor and former Rovers man Scott Jennings scored for Andy Bond's side with ex-Misterton striker Ricky Smith off the mark for the Rovers.

The other semi sees Shepton Beauchamp, who are rapidly emerging as possible title contenders this season, thrash Forton Rangers 8-0 at Brimgrove Lane.

Dan Smith scored a hat-trick and Dan Peach, another ex-Misterton man, netting twice.

Vying with Shepton for a place in final are Crewkerne Town who needed penalties before overcoming Winsham United at their Bakersfield Ground.

SEMI-FINAL LINE-UP

Chard Utd v Perry Street
Shepton Beau v Crewkerne Tn
(Cup Final at Thorncombe FC on Wednesday, August 27th)

◆ CREWKERNE Town have begun the search for a new club chairman after previous incumbent Paul Higgins confirmed to ***Weekender Sport*** on Monday that he had stood down from the post.

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Wincanton Town	4	7	12
Corsham Town	3	8	9
Almondsbury	3	6	9
Cheddar	4	4	7
CHARD TOWN	***3***	***4***	***7***
Cribbs	3	4	7
Barnstaple Town	3	8	6
Chippenham Park	3	4	6
Westbury United	4	3	5
Wells City	4	2	5
Hengrove Athletic	3	1	5
Warminster Town	4	-3	4
Keynsham Town	4	-5	4
Ashton & Backwell Utd	4	-8	4
Devizes Town	4	0	3
Calne Town	4	-2	3
Welton Rovers	3	-4	3
Oldland Abbotonians	4	-6	3
Wellington	3	-2	2
Roman Glass St G.	4	-7	2
Radstock Town	3	-2	1
Portishead Town	4	-12	0

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Wrington Redhill	4	3	10
Nailsea Utd	3	6	9
Cutters Friday	3	3	9
Clutton	4	6	7
Berrow	3	5	7
Frome Collegians	3	3	6
Minehead	3	-1	6
Bishops Lydeard	3	-3	6
Shirehampton	3	-1	4
Fry Club	3	-1	4
ILMINSTER TOWN	***3***	***0***	***3***
Yatton Athletic	3	0	3
Odd Down Res	3	-1	3
Watchet Town	3	-2	1
Bridgwater Town Res	3	-3	1
Broad Plain House	3	-5	1
Nailsea Town	3	-4	0
Stockwood Green	3	-5	0

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Worle	2	8	6
Uphill Castle	2	4	6
Kewstoke Lions	2	4	6
Highbridge Town	2	1	4
Winscombe	2	5	3
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***2***	***3***	***3***
Nailsea Town Res	2	2	3
Clevedon Utd Res	2	2	3
Nailsea Utd Res	2	-3	3
Cheddar Res	2	0	2
Churchill Club 70	2	-1	1
Taunton Utd 1610	2	-7	0
Burnham Utd Res	2	-9	0
Weston St Johns Res	2	-9	0

** = points deducted*

running chard running club news

Maria beats darkness fears in fine style

CHARD Road Runners were out in force mid week with a Fast 5k Road Race round Yeovilton, a great run was put in by all that attended.

◆ **NEARLY THERE:** Maria Wadey heads for the line

Results;

Pos	Name		Category	Time
150	Lemon	Dawn	Sen Fem	00h 31m 08s
151	Baker	Matt	Sen Male	00h 31m 09s
153	Musselwhite	Vicky	Sen Female	00h 31m 23s
155	Gillingham	Bethany	JunFemale	00h 33m 44s
156	Boarder	Melanie	Female V35	00h 33m 50s
157	Chant	Chantel	Female V45	00h 34m 19s
160	Wadey	Maria	Female V45	00h 37m 45s
159	Wells-burr	Paige	Sen Female	00h 37m 45s
162	Quinian	Lindsey	Female V35	00h 42m 41s

Last Friday saw eight runners head off down to Cornwall for the weekend to take part in the Roseland August Trail (RAT).

This is an off road coastal path run of four distances CRR's had runners in all classes.

The RAT is renowned as a tough race with the Plague Runners Maria and Chris Wadey setting off at 00:05hrs to run along the narrow and steep footpaths of the coastal path running 64 mile out and back, the elevation gain/loss is approx 16,000ft with hundreds of steps to negotiate in the dark!

Not easy if you are scared of the dark like Maria who luckily had her guiding light Chris driving her on.

Chris kept Maria going until finally his leg gave out forcing him to withdraw just 10 mile from the end this was prompted in the main by the lack of access for rescue services over the last ten miles.

Maria kept a level head to complete the remaining 10 miles.

Richard Clifton and Paul Masters both set off for the 34 mile Black Run at 08:30 with the sun blazing down, this was the real challenge that it had been promoted to be.

Richard managed a very credible 5th in age category - a fantastic accomplishment in a very strong field.

The 20 mile Red Run was enterted by Martin Holley, Gavin Wyatt and Addie Douglas.

This full-on hill feast with a myriad of narrow paths to try out the strongest legs and ankles.

After a few tumbles along the route,Martin led the CRR's home, with Addie and Gavin coming in with a strong finish ahead of over 50 per cent of the field.

The 11 mile White run, whilst shorter in distance, held the worst of the hills for which Sarah Atkins threw down the gauntlet.

This was a real challenge from the off but Sarah gave stellar performance against the harsh elevations with a very credible 87th position, so that will be the Red route for Sarah next year!

Class	Distance	Name	Time	Position
Plague	64 Miles	C.Wadey	Withdrawn	After 54 Mile
Plague	64 Miles	M.Wadey	19h 21m 15s	57/78
Black	32 Miles	R.Clifton	06h 09m 43s	20/137
Black	32 Miles	P.Masters	07h 50m 40s	67/137
Rad	20 Miles	M.Holley	04h 12m 56s	38/161
Rad	20 Miles	G.Wyatt	04h 48m 49s	74/161
Rad	20 Miles	A.Douglas	04h 48m 51s	75/161
White	11 Miles	S.Atkins	02h 33m 57s	87/134

Meanwhile, Nick Daniels took part in the 9.6 mile **Tamar Trotters Sticklepath international Fell Race** in Devon.

This was a self-navigation open moor run covering what can best be described as inhospitable ground with matching weather conditions.

Nick came a very credible 11th place in a time of 1h 27m 41s - a coarse personal best by 11 minutes!

◆ **GREAT EFFORT:** Nick Daniels

cricket tables

WEPL Premier 2	Pld	Pts
ILMINSTER	16	237
Clevedon	16	225
Potterne	16	221*
Keynsham	16	218
Thornbury	16	202
Goatacre	16	169
Cheltenham	16	167
CHARD	16	131
Minehead	16	124
Glastonbury	16	77*

WEPL Premier 2 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Thornbury	16	230
Ashcott & Shapwick	16	219
Winterbourne	16	212
Downend	16	210*
Goatacre	16	187*
CHARD	16	184
Cheltenham	16	162
Warminster	16	157
Gloucester CW	16	139
Knowle	16	111

WEPL Brist & S 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Old Bristolians/Westbury	16	256
Wembdon	16	224
Minehead	16	218
Bishopston	16	212
Bedminster	16	181
Taunton	16	177
Brislington	16	163
ILMINSTER	16	134
Frenchay	16	129
Glastonbury	16	62*

Somerset Lge Div 1	Pld	Pts
NORTH PERROTT	16	483
Temple Cloud	16	410
Ashbrittle	16	397
Middlezoy	16	371
Bridgwater A	16	366*
North Curry	16	352
Bagborough	16	320
Kilmington & Stourton	16	309
Purnells	16	307
ILTON	16	184

Somerset Lge Div 2	Pld	Pts
Cheddar	16	409
Watchet	16	380
Huish & Langport	16	379
Castle Cary	16	357
Wells	16	356
BARRINGTON	16	346
Kilve	16	345
North Newton	16	320
Burnham	16	307
Belvedere	16	188

Somerset Lge Div 3	Pld	Pts
East Coker	16	407
Westlands	16	403
Wellington 2nds	16	386
Long Sutton	16	353
Uphill Castle	16	343
Street 2nds	16	308
Wincanton	16	305
Huntspill & District	16	303
Wedmore	16	262*
NORTH PERROTT 2nds	16	251

Somerset Lge Div 4	Pld	Pts
Lympsham	16	482
Frome 2nds	16	407
BROADWAY & HORTON	16	387
Leigh-on-Mendip	16	379
Curry Rivel	16	378
Fitzhead	16	329*
Staplegrove	16	272
Cranmore	16	253
SOUTH PETHERTON	16	224*
Horrington	16	60*

Somerset Lge Div 6	Pld	Pts
Peasedown St John	16	467
Butleigh 2nds	16	416
Taunton Deane Cavaliers	16	388
Huish & Langport 2nds	16	381
Taunton A	16	368
Sparkford	16	336
Chilton Polden	16	299
Purnells 2nds	16	226
ILMINSTER A	16	133
Castle Cary 2nds	16	-51

Somerset Lge Div 7	Pld	Pts
Winscombe 2nds	16	455
Taunton St Andrews A	16	448
CREWKERNE	16	424
Taunton Deane Crusad	16	339
Wemdon Wyverns	16	318
Burnham 2nds	16	317
Uphill Castle Cavaliers	16	295
CHARD A	16	282
Wells 2nds	16	-2
Glastonbury Lambs	16	-93

Somerset Lge Div 8N	Pld	Pts
Evercreech	15	431
BARRINGTON 2nds	16	391
ALL SAINTS	16	388
Westlands 2nds	16	359*
SOUTH PETHERTON 2nds	16	326
Temple Cloud 2nds	15	292
Wincanton 2nds	16	270
Kilmington & Stour 2nds	16	262
Cranmore 2nds	16	203
NORTH PERROTT 3rds	16	108

Somerset Lge Div 9SE	Pld	Pts
Trull 2nds	14	398
CREWKERNE 2nds	14	397
Wedmore 2nds	14	317*
Long Sutton 2nds	15	293
BROADWAY & H 2nds	14	282
Taunton St Andrews B	14	273
Huish & Langport 3rds	15	258
ILTON 2nds	14	100
CHARD 750	14	51

Devon League Div F	Pld	Pts
Tiverton	15	230
Chelston	14	226
Exwick	14	209
Upottery	14	190
Woodbury	14	175
Culmstock	15	143
CHARDSTOCK	15	141
Buckland Monochm	15	138
Lifton	14	100*
Newton St Cyres	14	81
Cheriton Fitzpaine	14	62

Mid-Wessex Div 1	Pld	Pts
Broadwindsor	9	145
NORTH PERROTT	11	120*
Bruton	9	108
Queen Camel	8	99
ILMINSTER	6	89
Compton Dundon	8	36*
White Horse	9	32

(= pts deducted)*

CRICKET ROUND UP

with **Howard Larcombe**
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North Perrott crowned champions

Ilminster closing in on return to Division One

West of England Prem League

A BATTING masterclass from Louis Kraucamp saw ILMINSTER to a crucial victory at the Rec on Saturday after James Thompson had laid the foundations with the ball against title rivals Potterne.

Ilminster skipper Sam Spurway won the toss asked the visitors to bat. After a sedate start it was Kraucamp who made the breakthrough at 37-1.

They moved on to 80-2 before spinner Thompson burst through the middle order claiming 4-35 from his 10 overs as Potterne slipped to 106-6.

They staged a recovery of sorts to close on 171-8 from their allotted 50 overs.

In reply Ilminster had reached 38 before Jonny Warry was cleaned bowled for 6.

Kraucamp, who went on to carry his bat for an eight boundary unbeaten 90, was then joined by Spurway and the pair took the score up to 81 before the skipper fell for 22.

This soon became 84-3 when Matt Davis became the second victim for Sri Lankan A team all-rounder Sahan Wijeratne.

But any home team jitters were calmed by a 77-run partnership between Kraucamp and Rayner Blitz (35) as Ilminster eased to a perfectly judged six-wicket victory with nine balls to spare.

The win extends Spurway's team's lead at the top of the Premier Two table to 12 points with two matches remaining beginning with the head-to-head clash at title contenders Clevedon tomorrow.

Meanwhile, a fifth consecutive defeat has left CHARD on the relegation precipice.

Saturday's latest reverse was a direct result of a meek batting performance that saw the team post just 107 having been 52-8.

Chris Scott top-scored with 30 before being trapped in front and a belligerent 27 from number 10 Andrew Sochon-pushed the score up into three figures.

But this was always going to prove too few and the visitors cruised to a four-wicket win inside 30 overs.

Chard now face what could prove to be a must-win trip to fellow strugglers Glastonbury tomorrow.

CHARD 2NDS also tasted defeat after going down by 58 runs at Downend.

After being inserted the hosts racked up 264-8 in their 45 overs helped by 46 extras which included 26 wides.

The most successful of the Chard attack was Joe Draper who claimed 3-70 after the opening pair of Richard Scott 9-3-21-0 and Steve Dening 9-0-31-2 had both produced good spells.

In reply, Andrew Clancy clipped a fine 44 and Dening made 37 but Chard were dismissed in the 42nd over 206.

Elsewhere, ILMINSTER 2NDS remain embroiled in a Bristol & Somerset Division relegation battle following a narrow one-wicket defeat at promotion-chasing Wembdon.

A fine all-round performance from teenager Sam Grinter was however a major plus for the visitors.

Grinter top-scored with 32 while opener Chris Warry chipped in with 30 as Ilminster were bowled out for 161 in the 42nd over.

Grinter then took the new ball and claimed 4-30 from his nine overs but Wembdon edged home on 162 for 9 in the 39th over.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

IT'S been on the cards for a while now, but NORTH PERROTT have been confirmed as **Division One** champions after a 65-run triumph over visiting Purnells last weekend.

Batting first Josh Marshall-James followed up last week's century with a top-score 56 and Jake Symes made 32 as the hosts posted 197 for 8.

The Purnells' reply was all about the bowling exploits of Alex Eckland who celebrated his recent 15th birthday by taking an impressive 6-31 from 12 superb overs.

◆ **SIXFER:** Alex Eckland

Purnells were eventually shot out for 132 earning Perrott 34 points and a place in the WEPL next season.

Already-relegated ILTON were beaten again – this time by 50 runs at Middlezoy.

The hosts posted 200-8 with Andy Fooks taking 3-42 and Dan Brunt 3-40.

The visitors reached 150 with Rich Jones making 38.

In **Division Two** 43 from Steve Redwood and Gareth French's 37 couldn't save BARRINGTON (136) from a 40 run defeat at Castle Carey (196-6; Sam Hodkinson 3-48).

NORTH PERROTT 2NDS dropped to the foot of the **Division Three** table after going down by three wickets at Wellington 2nds.

George Johnson (66) and Rob Haggarty (34) helped Perrott to 185-7. In reply, Wellington reached 187-7 despite the best efforts of Lorraine Szczepanski (4-57).

Down in **Division Four** SOUTH PETHERTON were given a 101-run humbling by visiting Frome 2nds (193-4). Paul Acreman's 39 was the highlight for the hosts.

Meanwhile, Ian Hosken's 49 took BROADWAY & HORTON (150) to within 20 runs of their target of 171 at Curry Rivel (170-3).

In **Division Six** already-relegated ILMINSTER A failed to raise a team for the trip to Butleigh 2nds and were docked a further 30 points.

On a similar note CHARD A were gifted 35 points when Glastonbury Lambs failed to show for their scheduled **Division Seven** match.

But CREWKERNE's promotion hopes took a body blow when they were hammered by seven wickets at rivals Taunton St Andrews A.

Chris Gould (43) provided almost lone resistance as Crewkerne where blown out for just 84. The Saints reached 87-3 inside 23 overs.

In **Division Eight (N)** James Trott was once again amongst the runs with 89 and was joined by J.Larcombe (48) as ALL SAINTS (209-7) thrashed SOUTH PETHERTON 2NDS (87) by 122 runs.

Josh Short (3-10) and J.Rockett (3-23) starred with the ball for the Saints.

BARRINGTON 2NDS also maintained their promotion charge with a six-wicket victory over Westlands 3rds.

J.Brain took 5-49 as Westlands were restricted to 137 while Kris Hastings (52no) and Alex Pitman (40) led the way with the willow as Barrington reached 138-4.

Lowly NORTH PERROTT 3RDS (101) went down by seven wickets at the hands of Evercreech (105-3) despite A.Bromfield snr's 33.

The **Division Nine (SE)** derby game at ILTON 2NDS saw the hosts beaten by three wickets by bottom of the pile CHARD 750.

R.Young took 4-37 as Ilton posted 156-8 then J.Payne's 3-31 failed to stop Chard from reaching 157-7 with no player from either side making 30.

CREWKERNE 2NDS (156-9; M.Bryant 41) moved to a point of the top of the table with a 29-run victory over Taunton St Andrews B (127; M.Oakes 4-35) at Henhayes.

Finally, J.Ellis scored a superb 117 and fellow opener G.Field 88 as BROADWAY & HORTON 2NDS (163-6) beat Huish & Langport 3rds (155-5; Larry Watkins 3-26) by 108 runs.

DEVON LEAGUE

CHARDSTOCK failed to raise a team for the trip to Chelston and were docked 10 points.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

WEPL

Premier 2 Division:
Glastonbury v Chard,
Clevedon v Ilminster.

Premier 2 2nd XI:
Chard v Ashcott & Shapwick 2nds.

Bristol & Somerset 2nd XI:
Ilminster Frenchay.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

Division One:
Middlezoy v North Perrott ,
Ilton v North Curry.

Division Two:
Barrington v Cheddar.

Division Three:
N.Perrott 2nds v Street 2nds.

Division Four:
Staplegrove 2nds v South Petherton,
Broadway & Horton v Horrington.

Division Six:
Ilminster A v Purnells 2nds.

Division Seven:
Chard A v Taunton St Andrews A,
Crewkerne v Burnham 2nds.

Division Eight (N):
Wincanton 2nds v All Saints,
South Petherton 2nds v Evercreech,
Kilm & Stour 2nds v Barrington 2nds,
Westlands 3rds v North Perrott 3rds.

Division Nine (SE):
Wedmore A v Crewkerne 2nds,
Huish & Langport 3rds v Ilton 2nds,
Taunton St Andrews B v Chard 750,
Trull 2nds v Broadway & H 2nds.

DEVON LEAGUE

Division F
Upottery v Chardstock.

SUNDAY

Readers Mid-Wessex
Bruton v Ilminster.

Somerset CCC

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Abell chimes on debut - But lights go out on season

HOPES of any silverware residing at the County Ground over the next year were extinguished at the Oval on Wednesday evening.

Royal London Cup (50ov)

Somerset 267 (Trescothick 80, Hildreth 53) lost to **Surrey 284 for 9** (A.Kapil 53, S.Davies 50) *by 8 runs (D/L method).*

BATTING first hosts Surrey scored 284 for 9 from their 50 overs with Alfonso Thomas (2-60), Lewis Gregory (2-65) and Jack Leach (2-55) are striking twice.

In reply, skipper Marcus Trescothick led from the front with a belligerent 80 (9x4, 4x6) off just 54 balls.

A floodlight failure at 145 for 4 in the 24th over saw the target adjusted to 275 from 46 overs.

James Hildreth (53) clipped a run-a-ball half-century but the regular tumble of wickets eventually saw The Cidermen all out for 267 despite a gutsy 10th wicket stand of 34 between Thomas and Leach who made a career high 18.

As it turned out the result at Edgbaston meant a win would have been insufficient to take Somerset through to the quarter-finals.

LV County championship

Somerset 286 (T.Abell 95) & **188** lost to **Warwickshire 367** (I.Westwood 129) & **322 for 7** (V.Chopra 117no, R.Clarke 83) *by 215 runs.*

SOMERSET'S LV County championship title hopes were left in tatters after a hefty 215-run home defeat at the hands of Warwickshire who leap-frog over the Cidermen into third spot as a consequence.

The Midlanders posted a first innings total of 367 having been 110 for 4 at one stage.

Ian Westwood led the way with a 19-boundary 129 while Craig Overton (3-76) and Lewis Gregory (3-97) were most successful of the Somerset attack.

The hosts could only muster 286 in reply with Taunton-born debutant Tom Abell last out for a superb 95 and Gregory making 47 (3x4, 3x6) in 84-run stand for the eighth wicket.

Twenty-year-old Abell was just five runs short of becoming the first Somerset batsman since Harold Gimblett way back in 1935 to make a ton on debut.

The visitors had another centurian second time around with skipper Varun Chopra making an unbeaten 117 in a total of 322 for 7 declared with Gregory once again starring in taking 3 for 58.

A tall order of 403 runs to win on the last day was always likely to be daunting and so it proved as they were dismissed for 188 in the 71st over with Pete Trego top-scoring with 42.

◆ *Tom Abell's promising start is good timing for the Cidermen following the news the **Chris Jones** has retired to pursue business and life interests outside of the game.*

Essex-born Jones (23), who made his debut against Lancashire at the end of the 2010 season, played 37 first class games for the county scoring 3130 runs at an average off 22.05 with one century.

Current tables

Royal London Gp B	P	RR	Pts
Nottinghamshire	8	0.36	11
Kent	8	0.25	11
Warwickshire	8	0.34	9
Durham	8	0.21	9
Glamorgan	8	0.23	8
SOMERSET	8	0.07	7
Middlesex	8	-0.28	7
Sussex	8	-0.50	6
Surrey	8	-0.64	4

County Champ Div One	P	Pts
Yorkshire	13	200
Nottinghamshire	13	194
Warwickshire	13	179
SOMERSET	13	165
Sussex	13	154
Middlesex	12	139
Lancashire	13	135
Durham	12	129
Northamptonshire	12	52

◆ **LEWIS Gregory** (12.87 ave) and **Pete Trego** (11.09) sit in 3rd and 5th positions in the current *FTI MVP rankings* for the Royal London Cup competition.

Trego, a past winner, is also 6th in the overall rankings (across all competitions) with a ranking of 13.19

◆ Crowd favourite **Pete Trego** has been awarded a richly deserved benefit year for the 2015 season.

The Weston-super-Mare born all-rounder has played more than 450 matches in all formats for Somerset during his 15 seasons with the club.

During this time he has taken 544 wickets and amassed more than 13,000 runs.

Upcoming fixtures

Sunday, August 31st v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (LV County championship at Taunton 11am start).

◆ **DEBUT DELIGHT:** Tom Abell on his way to 95 *Photo by ALEXANDER DAVIDSON*

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